

Love and Lies

Only one semester left...

Neji thinks that Nisaka likes
Takasaki-san too...
And he thinks that Nisaka has
revealed his feelings to him.



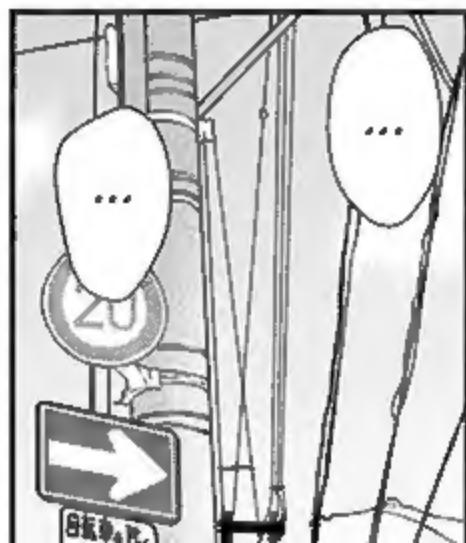




IT'S
ALMOST
SUMMER
VACA-
TION,
HUM?
DO
YOU
HAVE
PLANS,
NISAKA?



ON
YOUR
FACE.



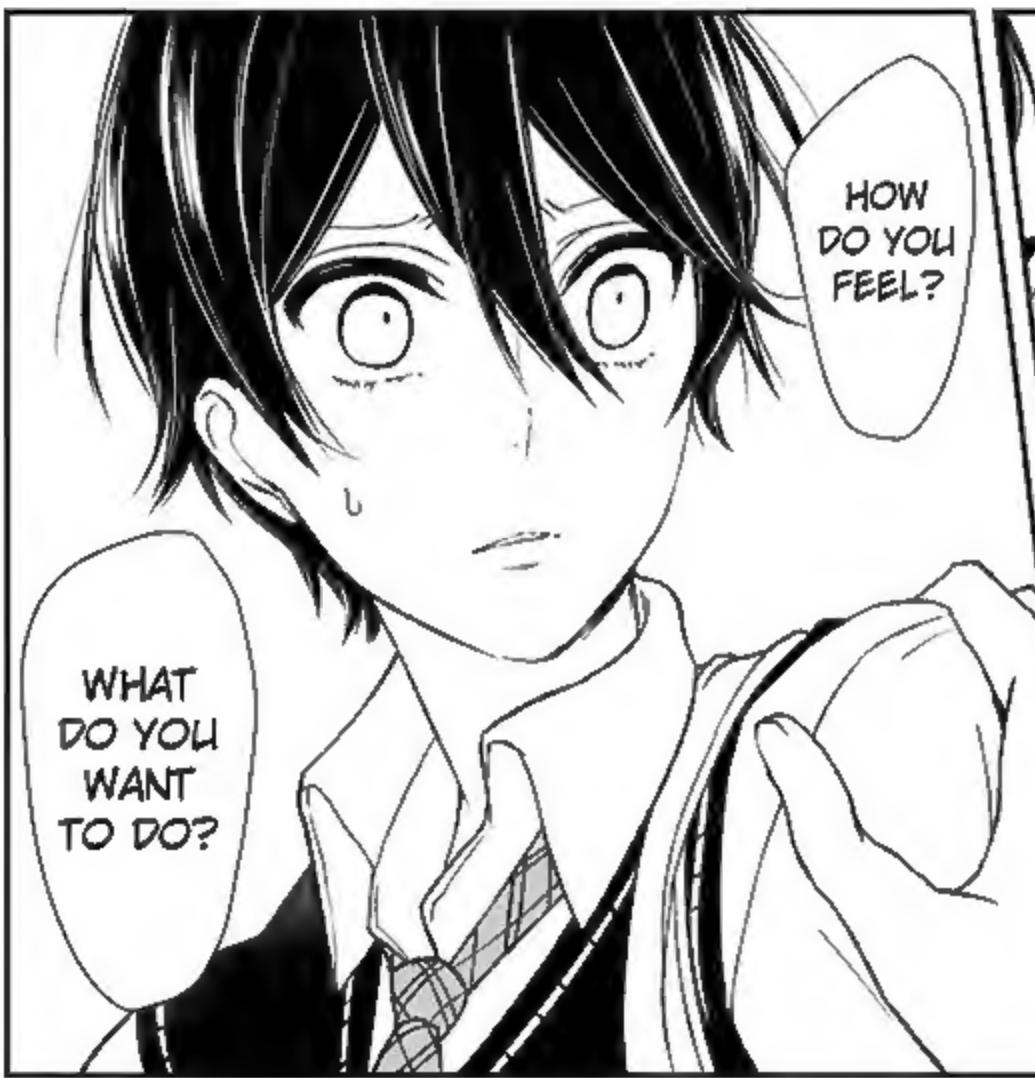
OH...
WELL,
UM...
JUST
STUFF...



IT'S
YOU GO FINE.
AHEAD.

OH...















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At a prestigious all-girls school, Lilina is having a *great* time all by her lonesome when a mysterious girl appears before her.

Her name is Mimasaka-san.

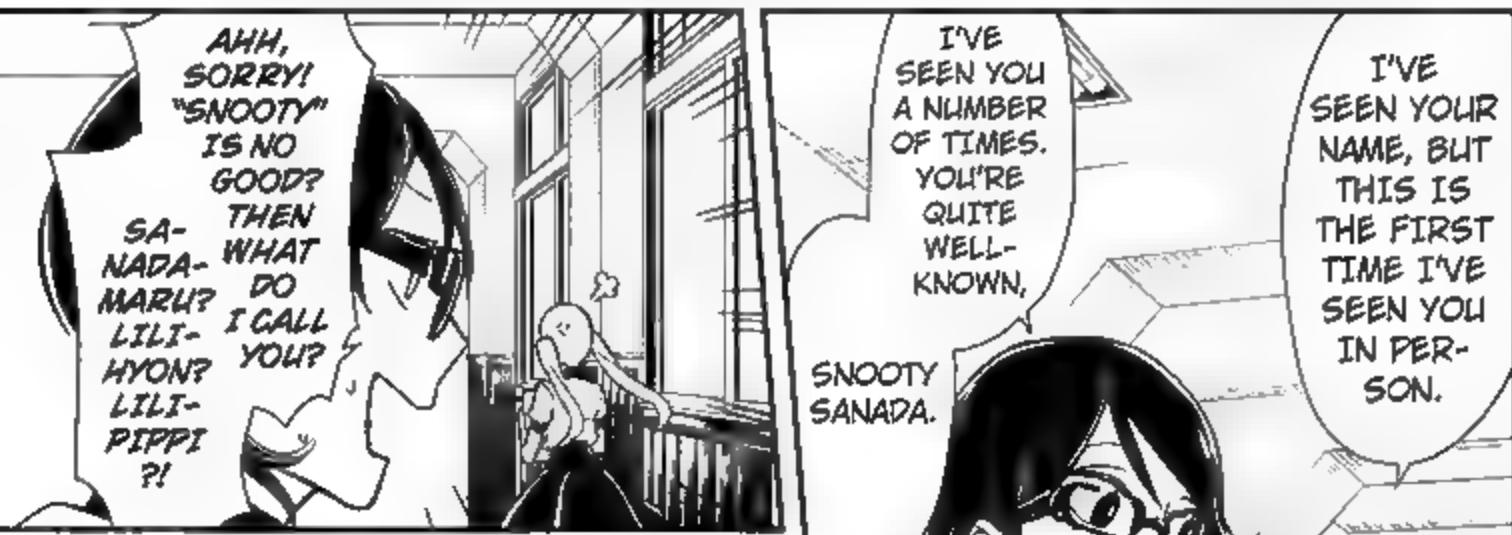
1ST SEMESTER TEST GRADES (11TH GRADE)

PLACE	NAME	MARK
1 ST	L.L.NA SANADA	585
2 ND	ARISA MIMASAKA	579
3 RD	CHIE MIYAKAWA	571
4 TH	YUMI HASEDA	564

2ND

ARISA MIMASAKA

579







THAT'S
THE
FIRST
TIME I'VE
EVER
MANAGED
TO SAY
THAT!

WOW, A
TONGUE-
TWISTER!
THAT WAS
GREAT!

A
TEACH-
ER...?

WAIT...
NAOKI...
NAOKI...

...

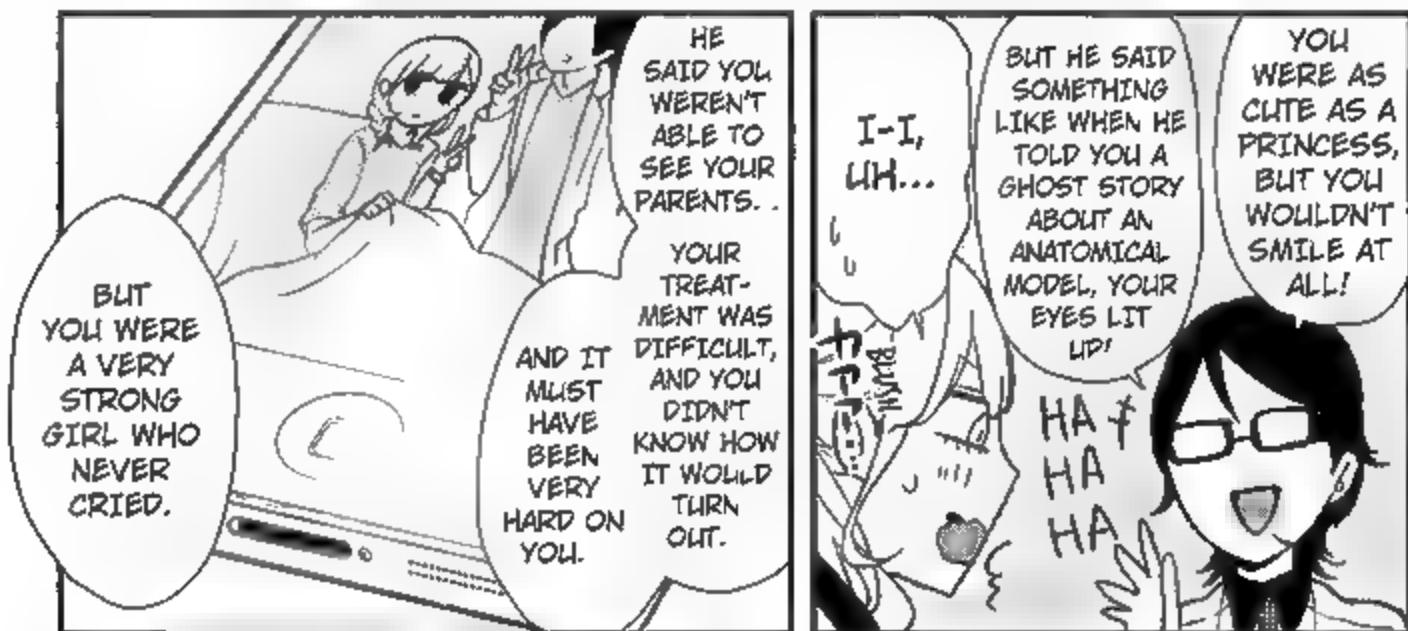


NEXT TIME: "LILINA'S STRENGTH AND LILINA'S WEAKNESS"

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Lonely Lilina meets a girl who wants to be friends: Arisa Mimasaka. She knew about Lilina when she was younger and often ill. Slowly, Lilina's fate changes.













NEXT TIME: "THE DISTANCE BEFORE THE KISS"

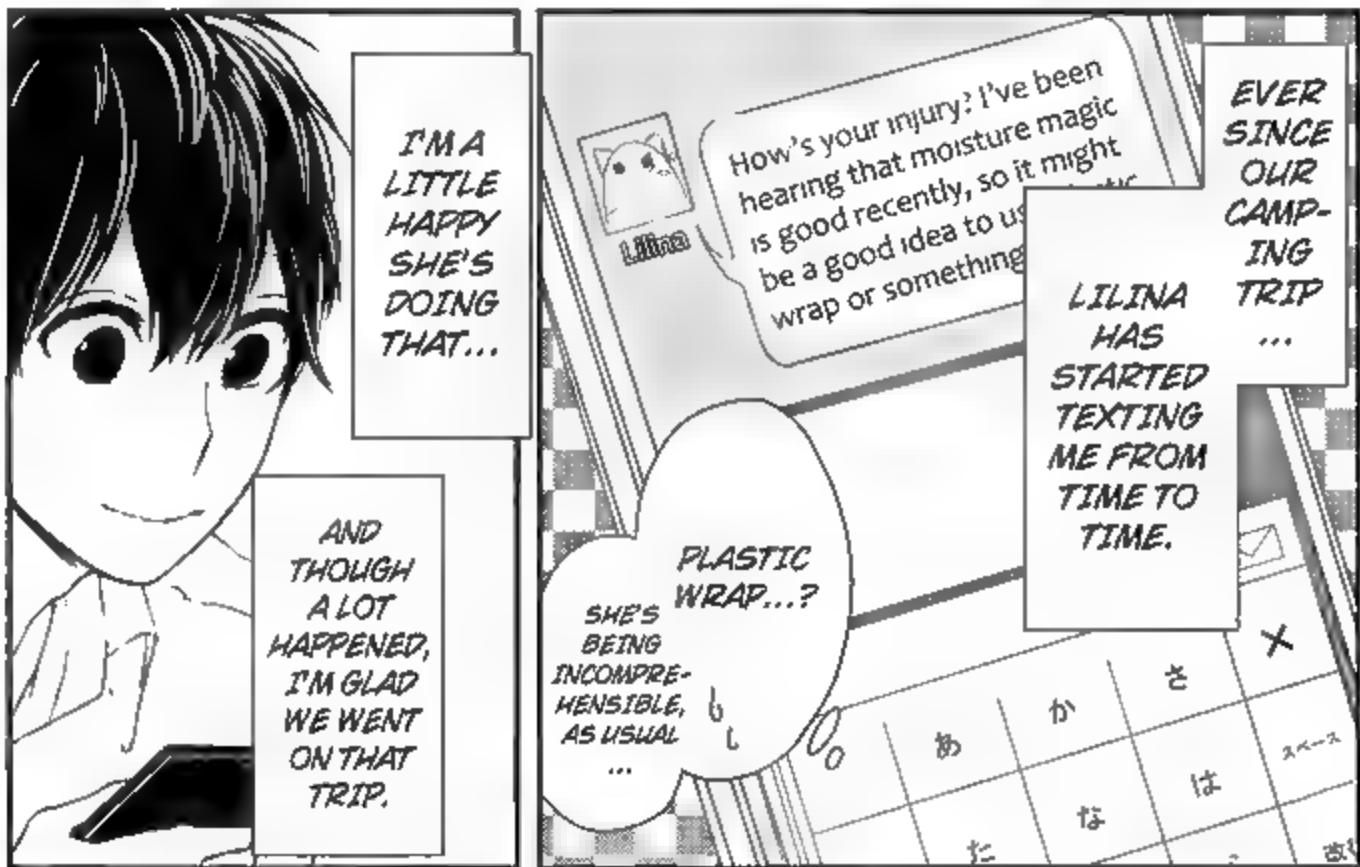


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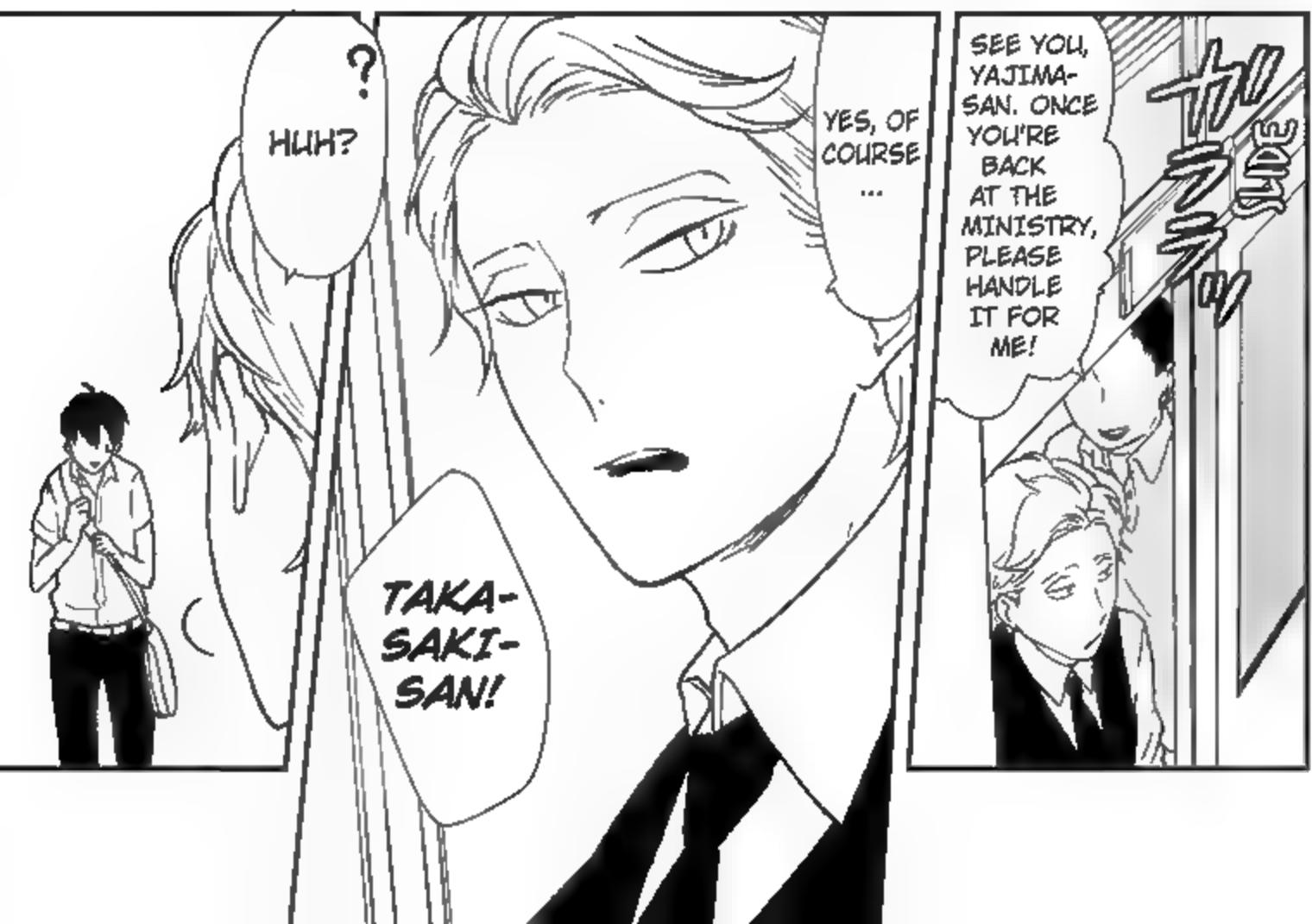
Lilina feels lost in the face of her improving fate. Misaki Takasaki is has reached some kind of resolution. Nisaka is silent. Neji continues to struggle, but God will not allow him that.

An event is coming that will crash down on each of their romances...

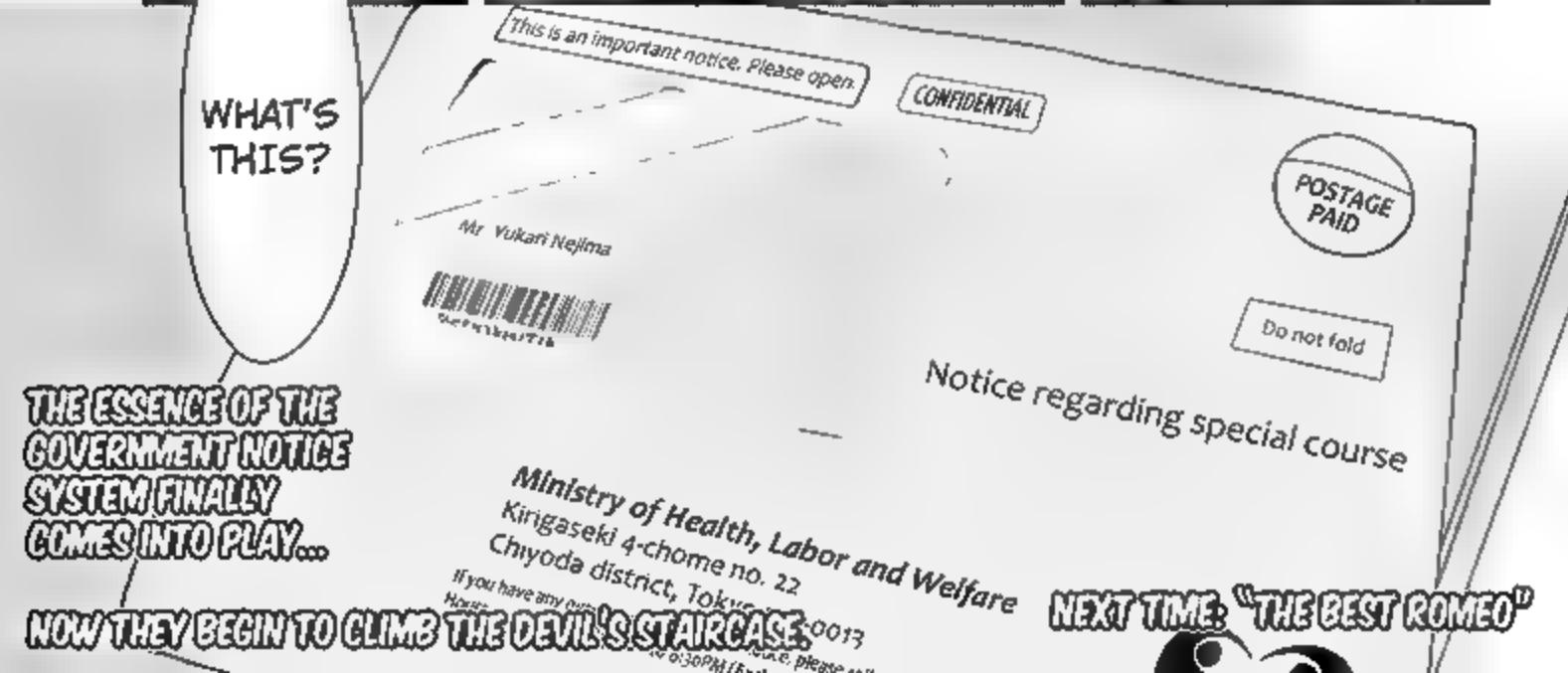














She's
Juliet,
but I
can't
even be
Romeo.

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HELD BY THE MINISTRY?

NISAKA IS DISTURBED...
NEJI DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S COMING!

NEXT TIME: "NISAKA AND TAKASAKI"



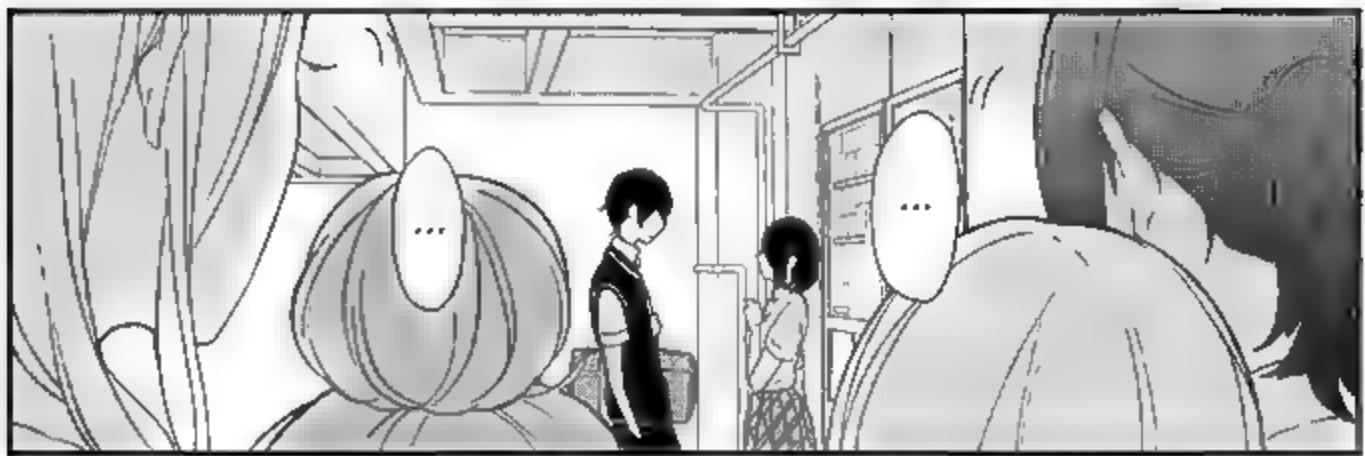
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Nisaka knows what's
really waiting for Neji.
And now disaster is
coming to visit him, too!

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In this country, you marry whomever the government has decided for you. I know that, but for some reason, it feels like someone else's problem.



**SPECIAL COURSE
PARTICIPANT WAITING ROOM**

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BAGS AT
THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY.











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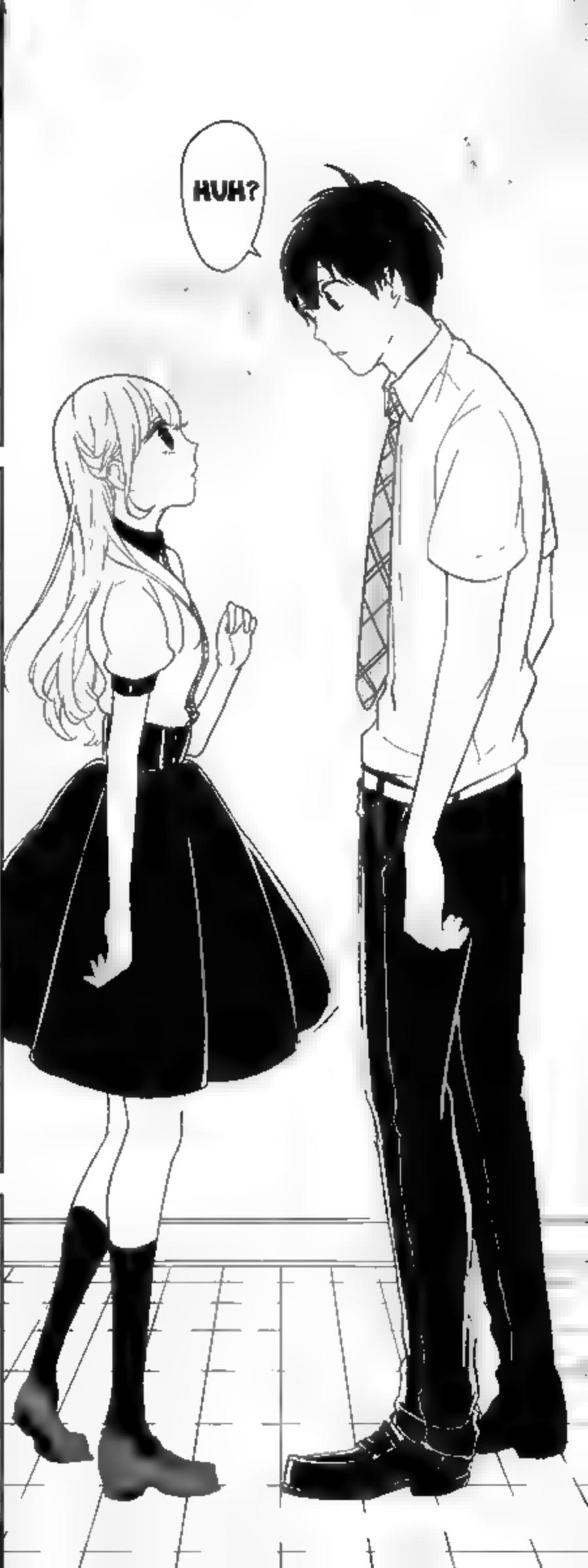
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*HOLLOW UNGLAZED TERRACOTTA FIGURES FROM THE KOFUN PERIOD

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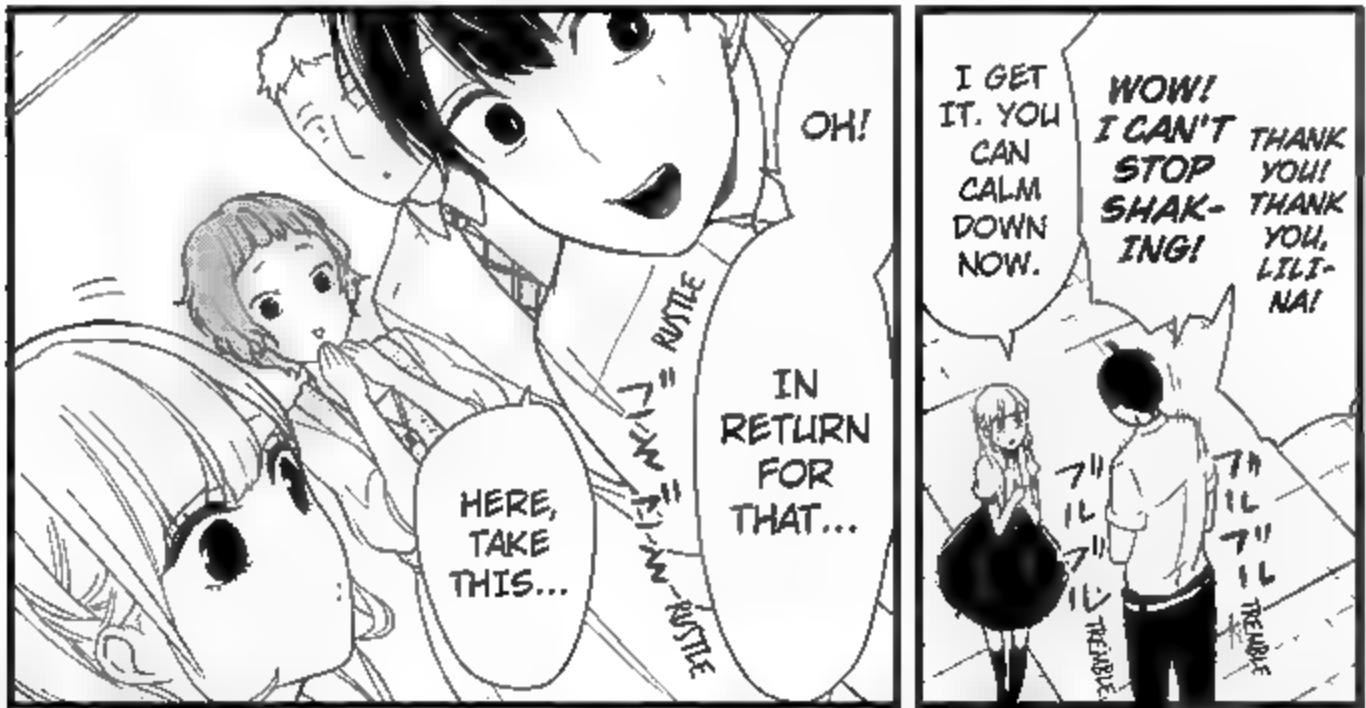
Nejima acting like he completely forgot about his moment of attraction to Lilina and the course that is about to start, and instead freaking out over a haniwa.



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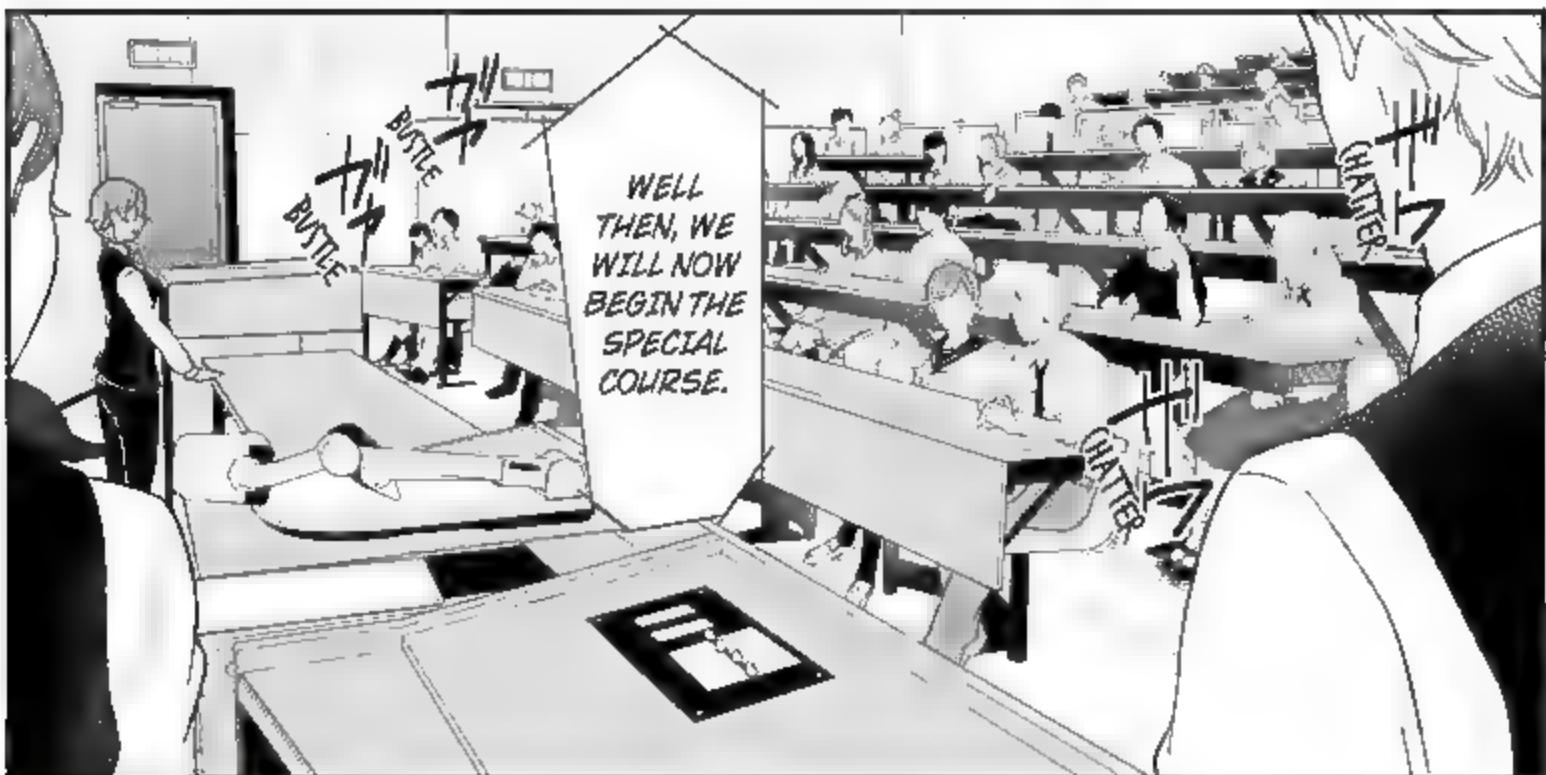




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Neji has given his heart to Takasaki-san, but who does Lilina want to be in love with?

Neji leaves that question behind him as the special course begins!



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SHE'S JUST HANDED OUT .03MM
THICK SACRED TREASURES.

NEXT TIME: "WHAT LOVERS DO"

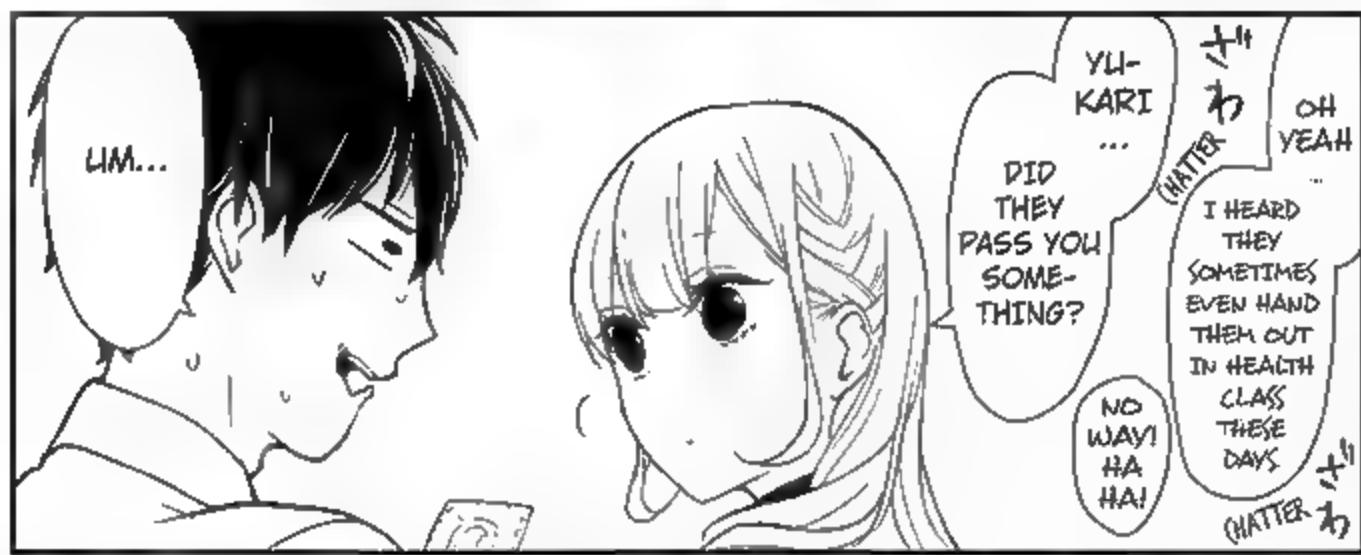


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If you have a lover, **that** is an issue which you must eventually face. Neji didn't think he'd have to face it so soon, though.

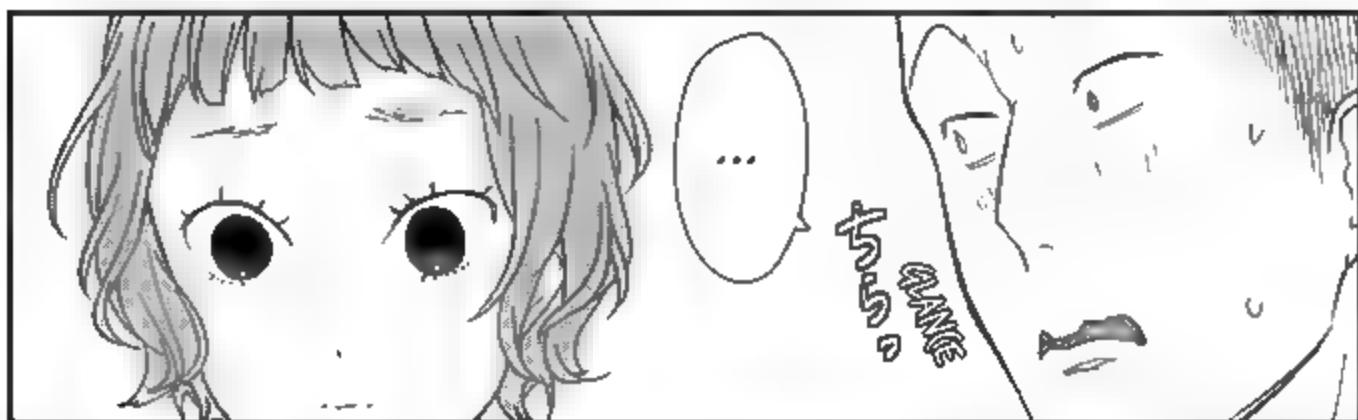
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AND IN FEMALES IT PROMOTES THE EXCRETION OF HORMONES THAT BEAUTIFY THE HAIR AND SKIN.

FIRST OF ALL...

MALES DECREASE THEIR RISK OF PROSTATE CANCER WITH REGULAR INTER-COURSE...

HAVING SEX CAN MAKE YOU PRETTIER AND SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF DIETING! GREAT, HUH?

THIS IS EQUAL TO AN HOUR OF WALK-ING.

WHAT'S MORE, ONE HOUR OF SEXUAL INTERCOURSE BURNS BETWEEN 150 AND 200 CALORIES ...

HUH...

RELIEVES STRESS, AND BOOSTS YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM. IT'S FULL OF BENEFITS.

IT ALSO PROMOTES THE EXCRETION OF A HORMONE CALLED OXYTOCIN, WHICH MAKES YOU FEEL HAPPY...

LILINA IS HONESTLY INTRIGUED, AND THAT CONFUSES NEJI-KUN.

NEXT TIME: "CHOSEN COUPLE"



Love and Lies

Neji and Lilina are participating in the special course presented by the Ministry of Health and Welfare. They receive a lecture on the basics of the government notice system, their relationships with their partners...and sex. They're about to go even deeper into this topic...



AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE NUMBER ONE REASON THAT PEOPLE HAVE SEX...

WELL, I'VE GONE OVER A LOT, BUT...

OR MAYBE SHE HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS? LIKE AS TRIVIA?

EVEN LILINA IS INTERESTED IN STUFF LIKE THIS, HUH...



I
LIKE
IT.

THAT'S
A VERY
FRANK
REACTION,
AND ONE
APPRO-
PRIATE
FOR YOUR
AGE.

I SEE
YOU ALL
SUDDENLY
RAISING
YOUR
HEADS.

IT'S...MY
GOOD-
NESS!

IT FEELS
INCREIDLBY
GOOD.

IS
THAT
RIGHT
...?

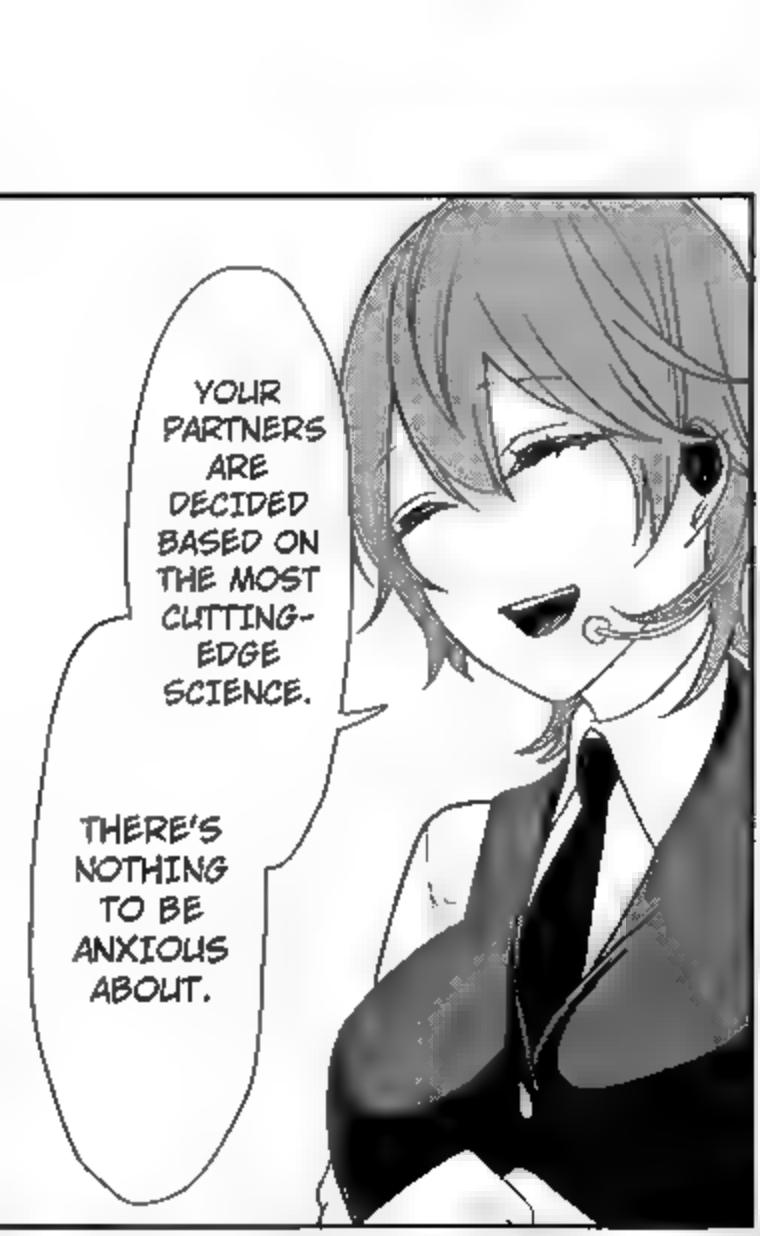
IT'S
ONLY
NATURAL
YOU'RE
INTER-
ESTED.

IT'S
TRUE...

SEX WITH
SOMEONE
YOU LOVE
WHO LOVES
YOU IN
RETURN...

...
FIVE!





YOUR
PARTNERS
ARE
DECIDED
BASED ON
THE MOST
CUTTING-
EDGE
SCIENCE.

THERE'S
NOTHING
TO BE
ANXIOUS
ABOUT.



IF YOU
DON'T
MAKE ANY
ERRORS
IN THE
PROCESS
...

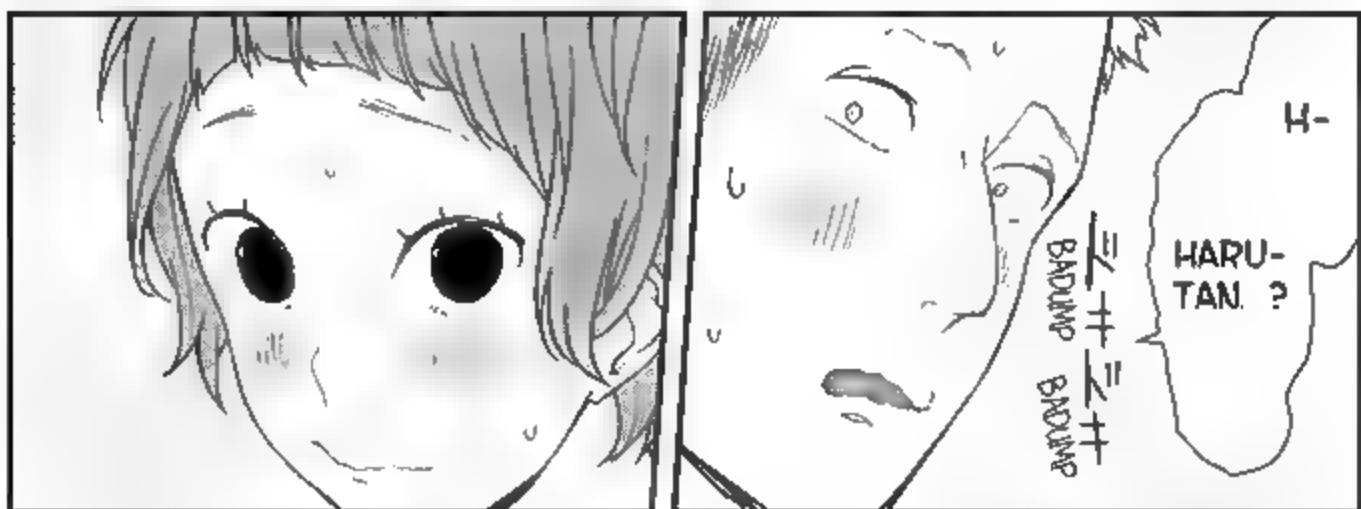


YOU
SHOULD
ACHIEVE
WONDER-
FUL
RESULTS.



BUT
THAT'S
OKAY.





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Projected on the screen...

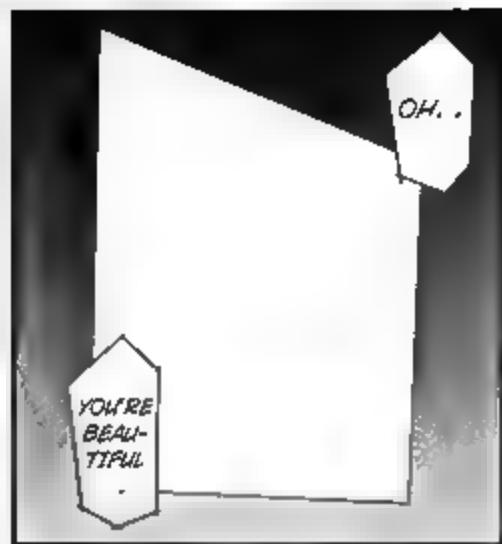
is a love scene.



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Is the 'educational video' part of
the special course a little too much
for a pure girl like Lilina?

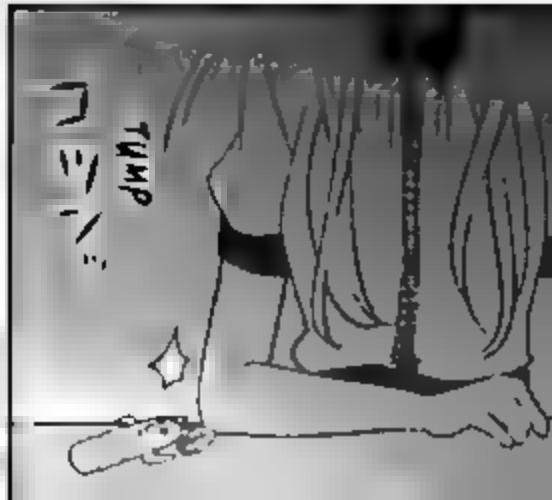
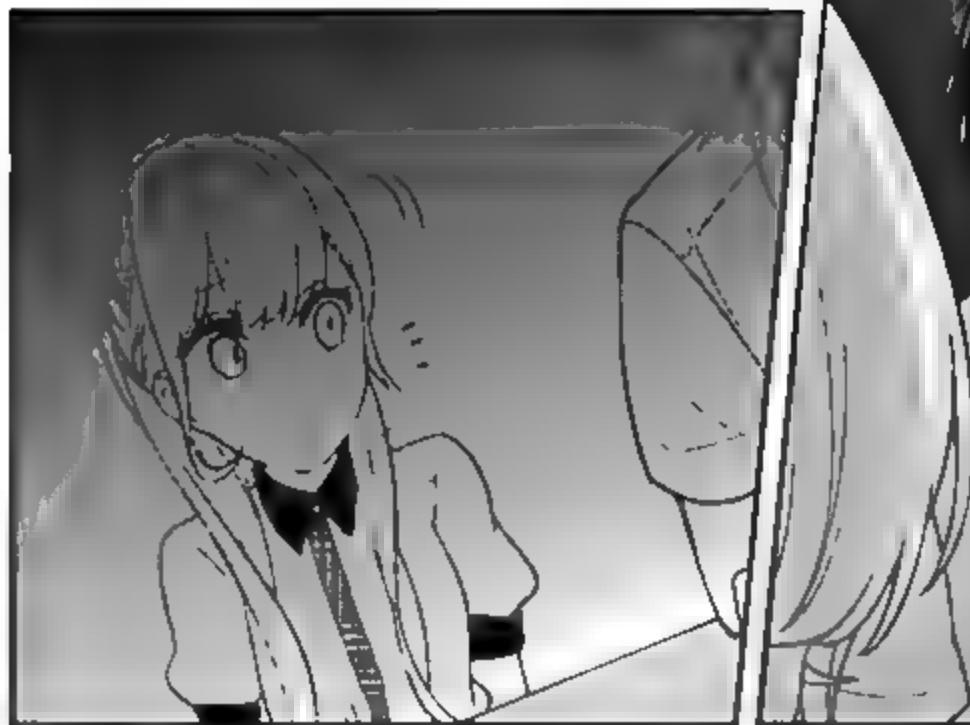
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LANDMINES HERE, LANDMINES THERE...
NOWHERE IS SAFE TO LOOK!

NEXT TIME: "THE INEVITABLE CHOICE"

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When Neji tries to distract himself from his attraction to Lilina by looking elsewhere, he sees Takeda and his partner kissing!

So many things are happening at once, and while Nejima's busy panicking, a certain man appears before him...



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WHAT
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THINK?

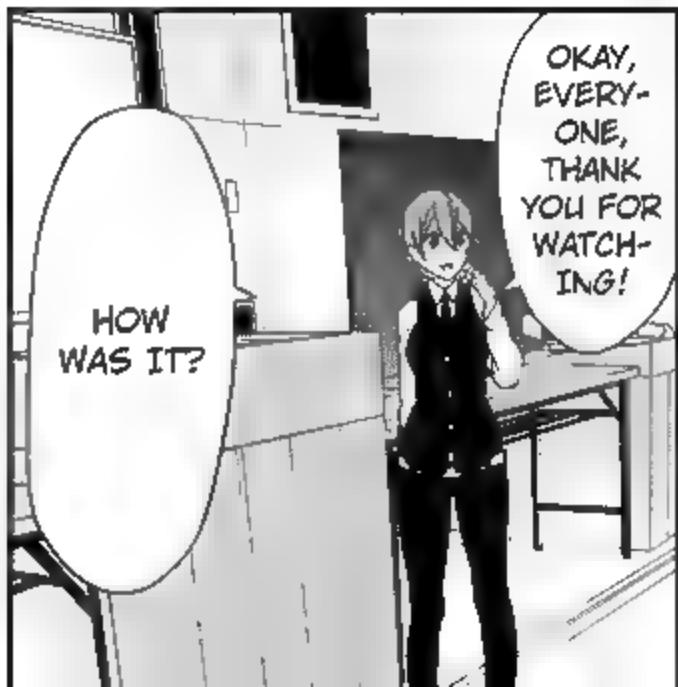
THEN WHICH
IS THE WOMAN
YOU CHOSE
...
AND WHICH WOMAN
THAT WAS CHOSEN
FOR YOU?

WHAT? DOES HE KNOW...
ABOUT TAKASAKI-SAN?
HIS NAME WAS
YAJIMA-SAN, RIGHT?
WHY IS HE TALKING
TO ME ABOUT THIS?

IS HE...

WELL,
WHATEVER
YOU THINK,
IT WILL
SOON BE
TIME FOR
YOU TO
CHOOSE.

TALKING ABOUT
TAKASAKI-SAN...
AND LILINA?







THIS NIGHT WILL BE LONG, DEEP...
AND DANGEROUS.

NEXT TIME: "ALONE TOGETHER"

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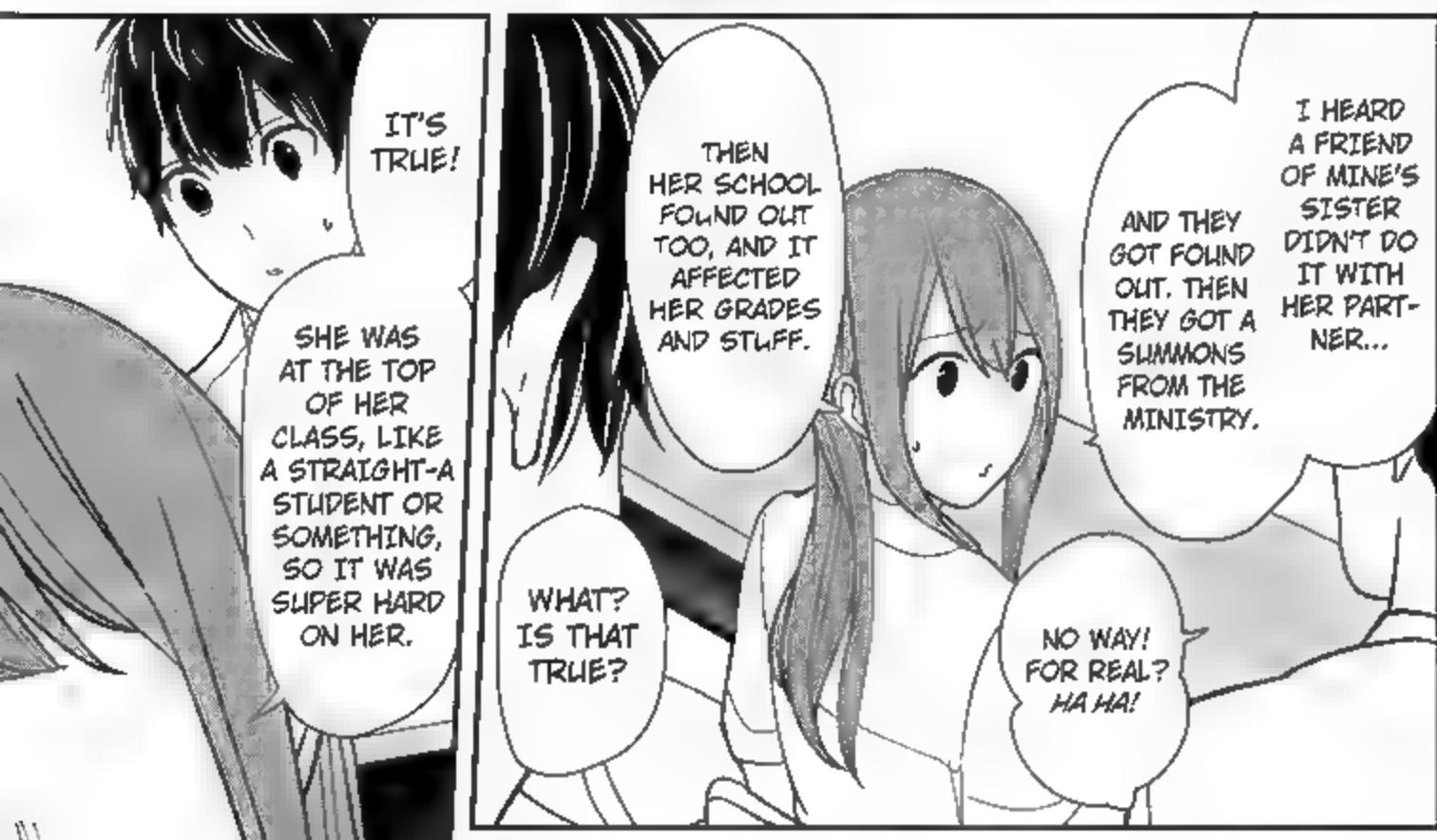


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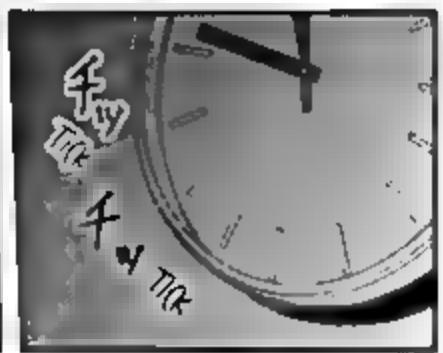
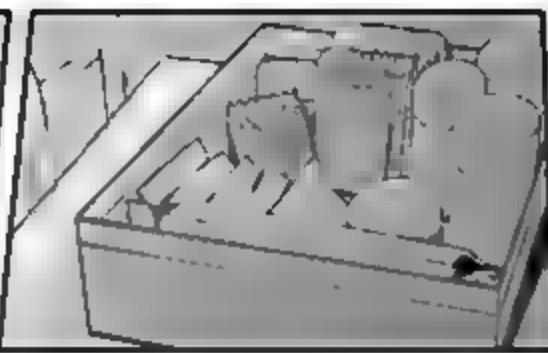
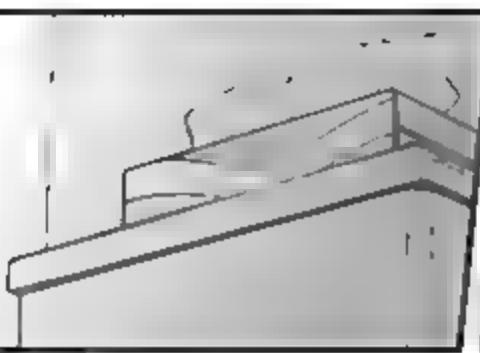
They're done watching the educational video and now they're awaiting the hands-on exercise...

This exercise involves spending the night alone with their partner.

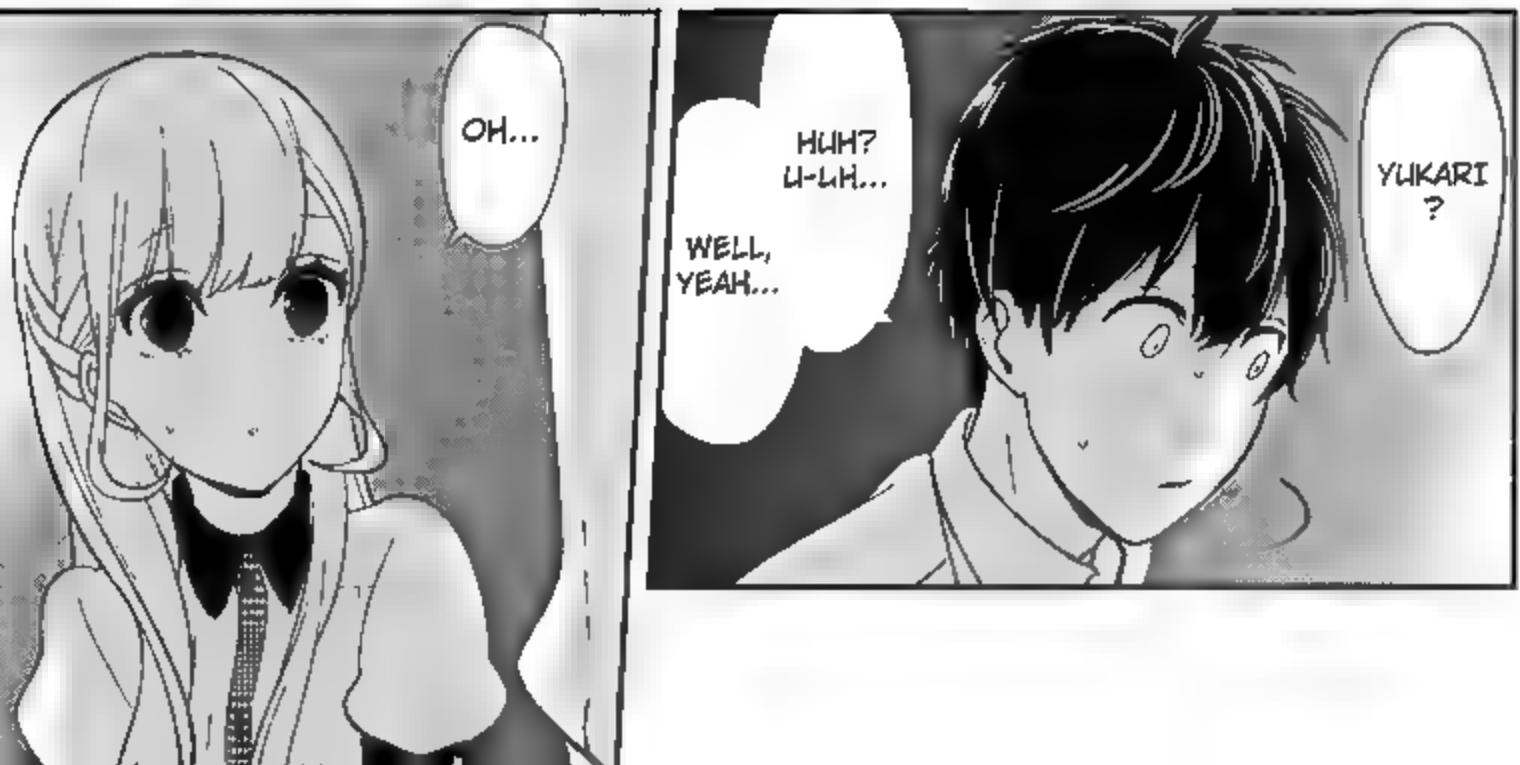
So on other words, it's...?!















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There's rumors of a "penalty" flying around and that what happens while they're alone together will be leaked.

What is Nejima willing to do to protect Lilina?

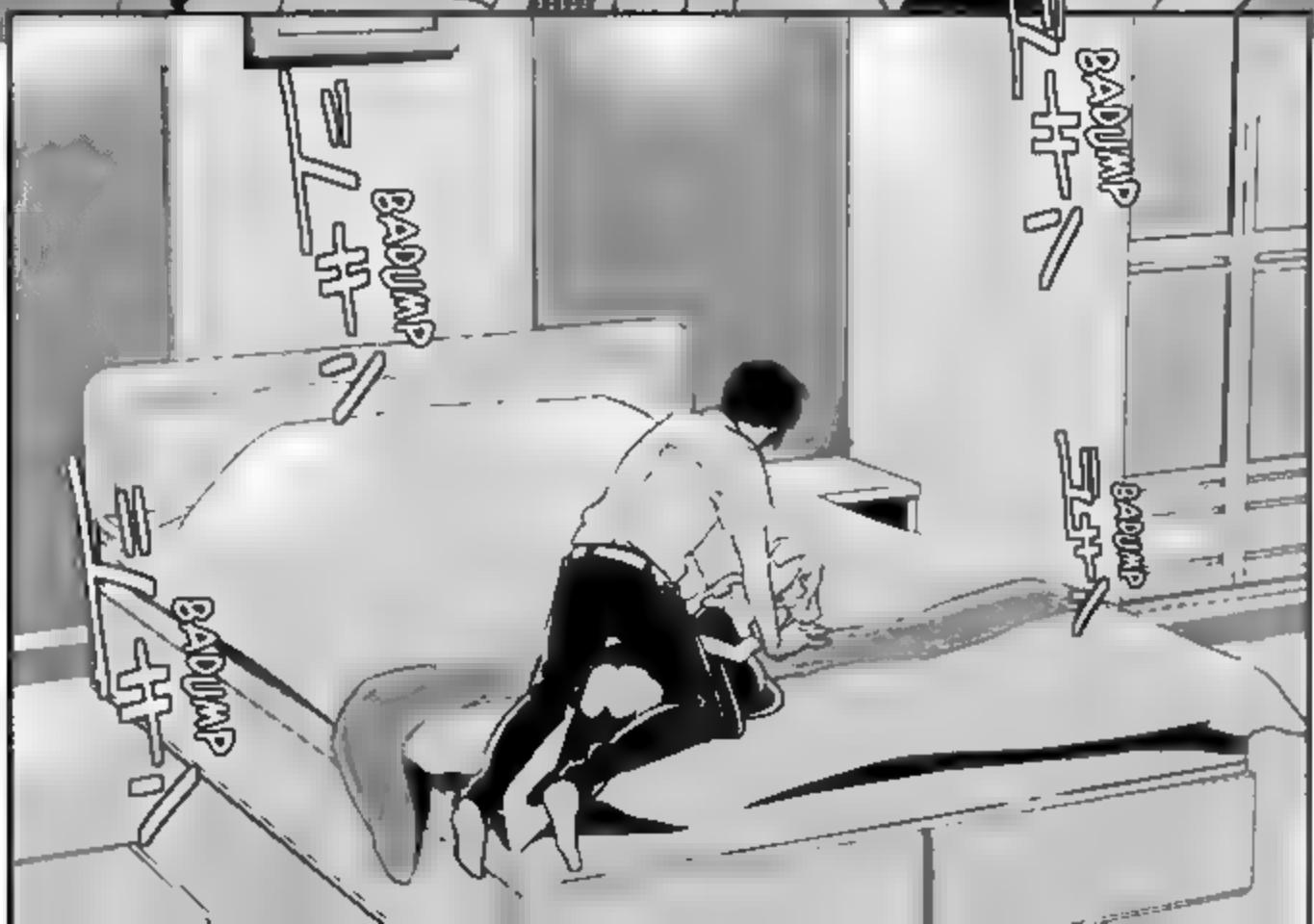
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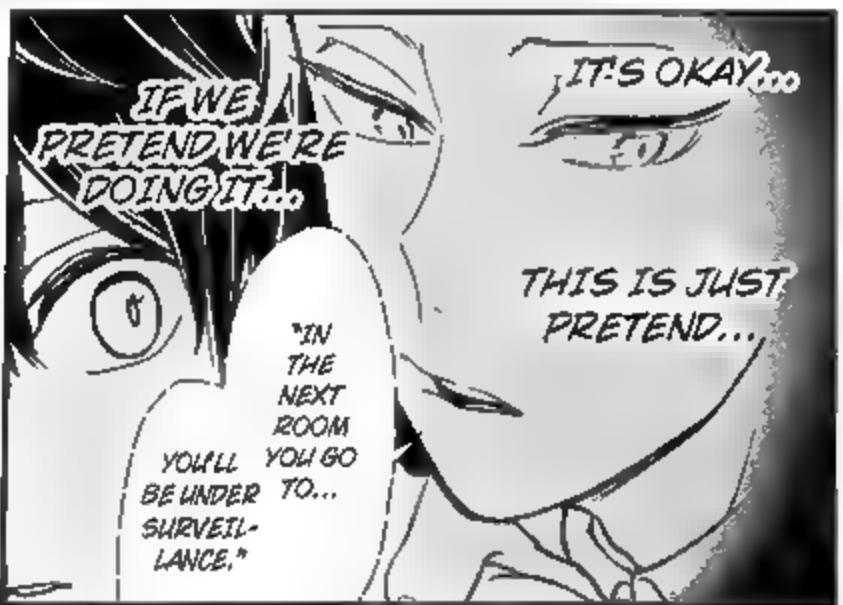
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MEJI (REAK
TRY)

LILINA...

**THIS IS JUST PRETEND.
IT'S JUST FOR LILINA'S SAKE...**

NEXT TIME: "MEJI'S THOUGHTS/LILINA'S FEELINGS"

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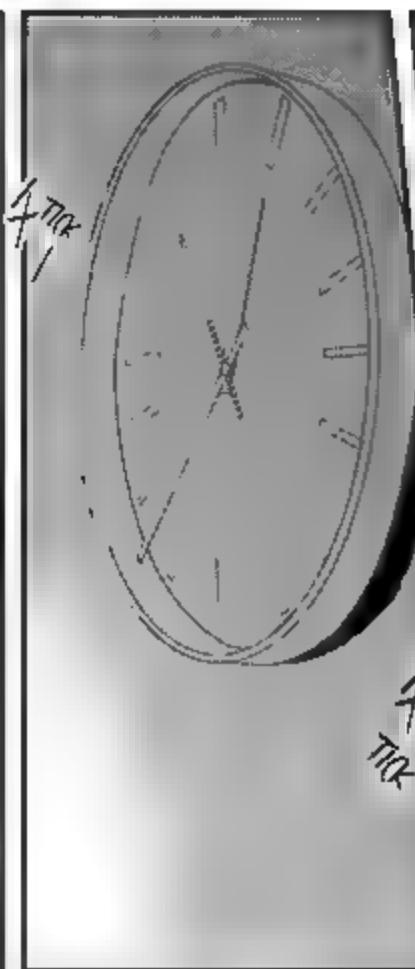


Love and Lies

Their time alone together was set up for them.
The mood has been set up for them.

He's doing this to protect her
from this night of falsehood.













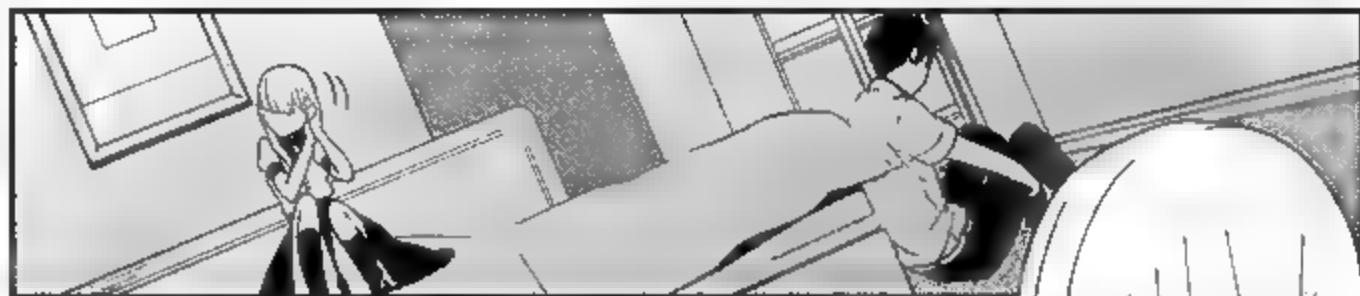


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They're alone together, and Neji believes they are being watched. Neji pushes Lilina down on the bed in an attempt to avoid negative consequences for her.

But after Lilina points out that there's no way that what he believes is true, Neji realizes that he was lied to.

An awkward silence falls upon the night.



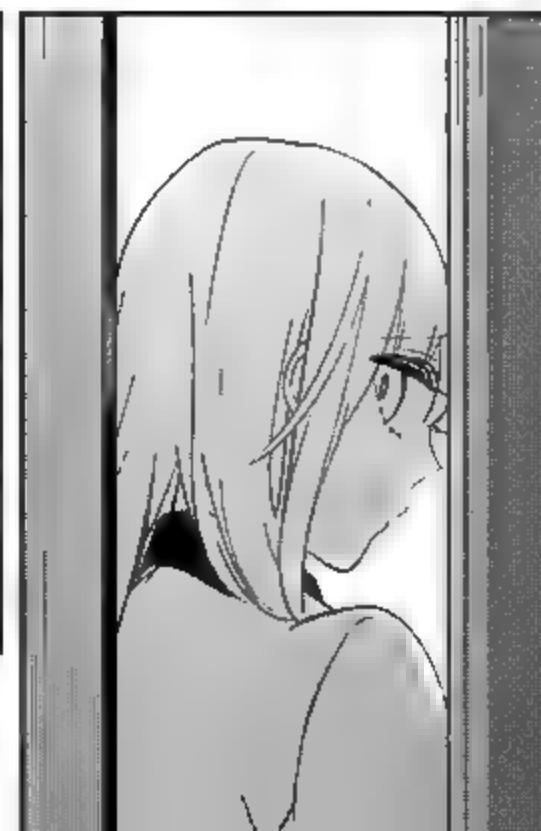








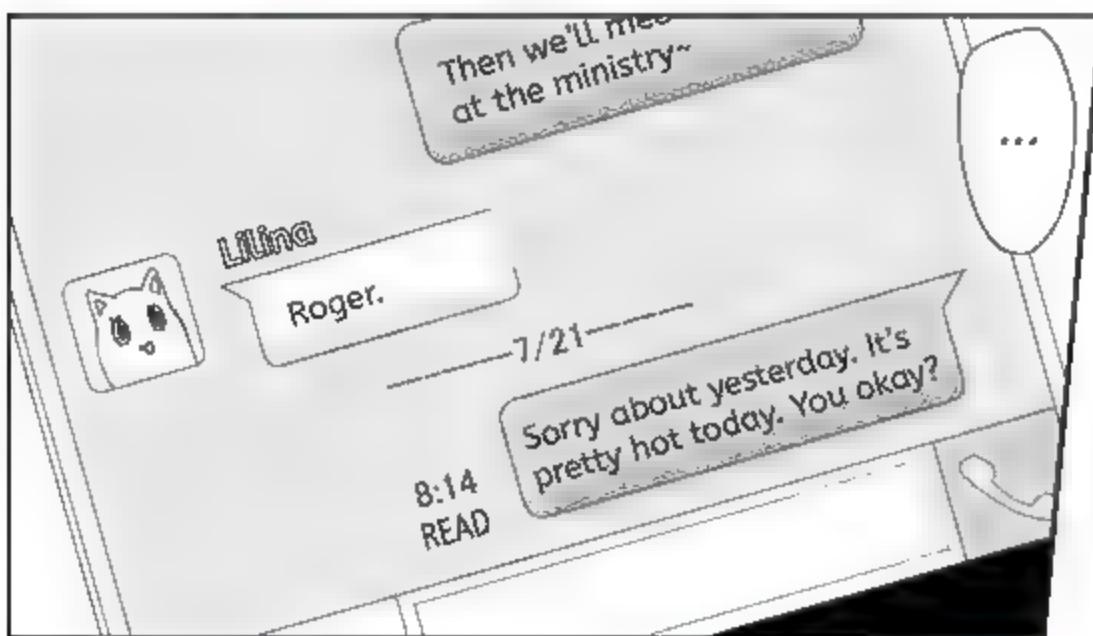








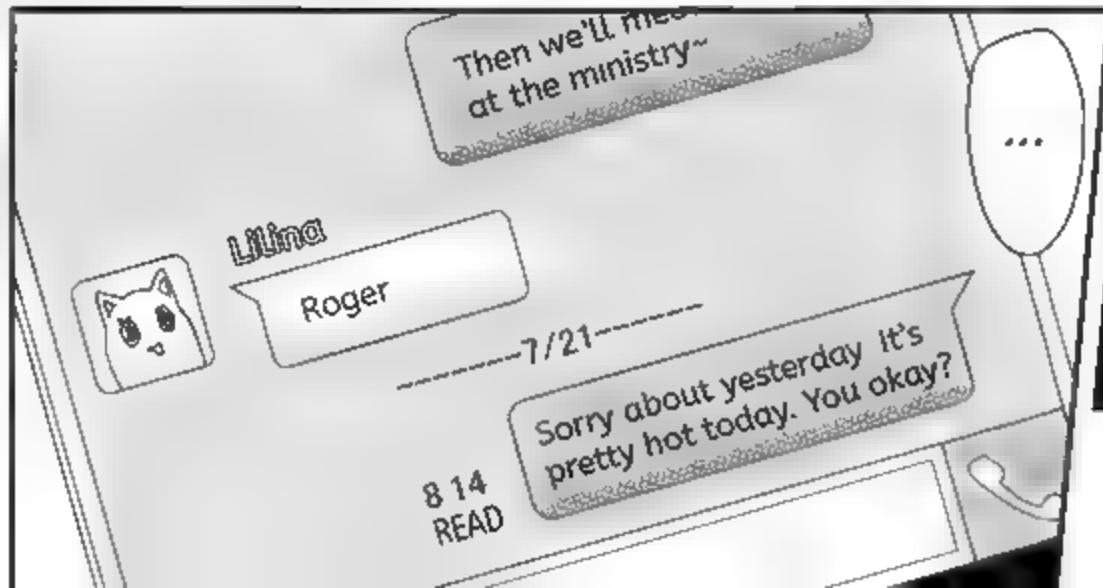
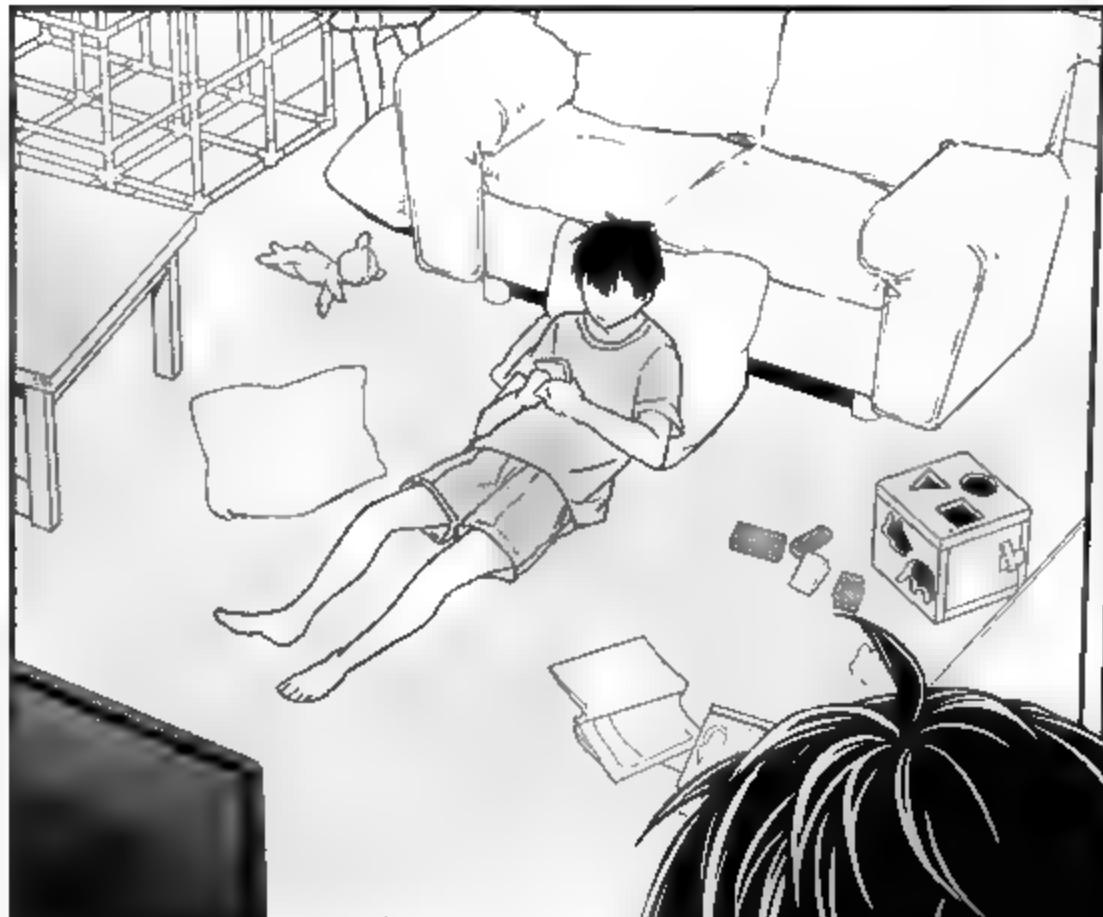


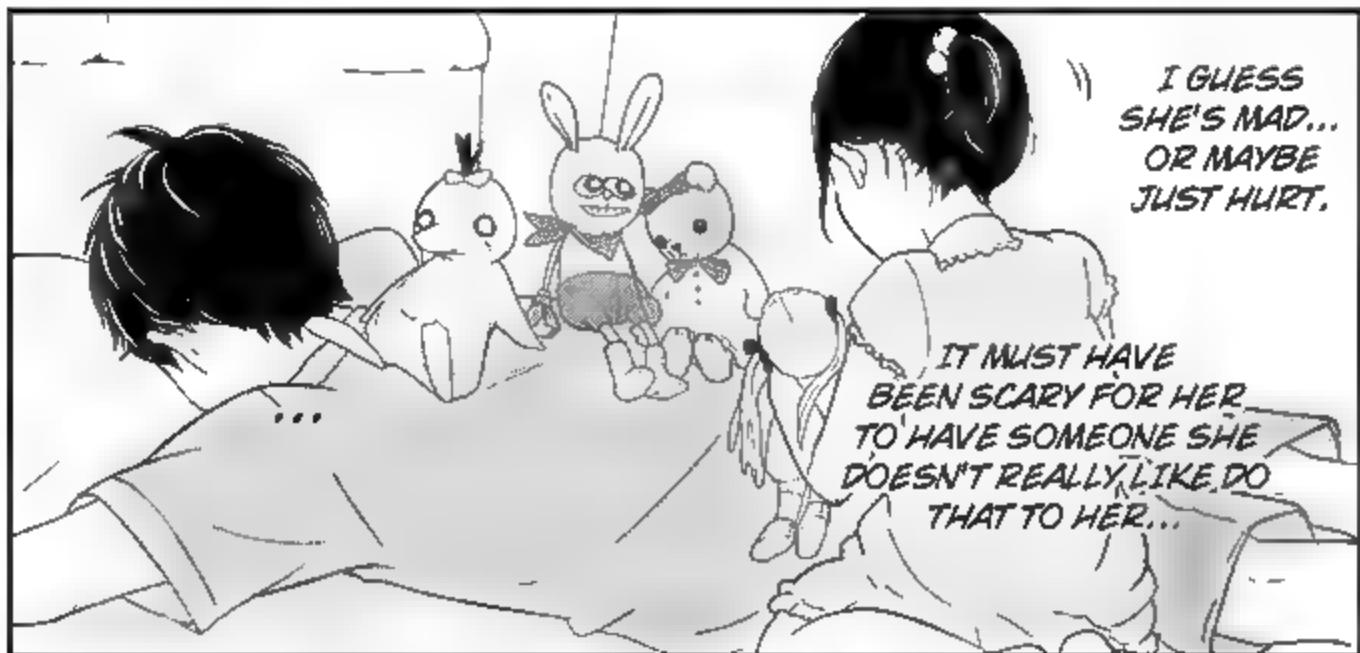


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Neji and Lilina.

After that night, there's an uncomfortable distance between them...















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It's not just Neji's relationship with
Lilina that's gotten awkward. Things are
weird with Takasaki-san, too.

And now poor Nisaka is suffering
more than ever!



THEY
LOOK EVEN
BIGGER
WHEN SHE'S
WEARING A
POLO SHIRT,
HUH?

AGH...

AGH, JEEZ...
I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO FACE HER,
EITHER...

TAKASAKI-
SAN... AND
NISAKA
?!

YOU
MEAN...
THE
NISAKA?

YEP.

OH,
YEAH,
YEAH!
I WAS
ABOUT TO
TELL YOU
ABOUT
THAT!

HUH
?

TAKASAKI-
SAN AND
NISAKA ARE
GONNA BE
ROMEO AND
JULIET!

OH,
YEAH,
NEJI!
DID
YOU
HEAR?

OH... NISAKA,
HUH...

O-OH...
SOUNDS
GREAT...
HA HA...

...















NEJI SEEMS GLUM, AND
ROMEO LOOKS ON. WHAT DOES
THAT GLANCE REALLY MEAN?

NEXT TIME: "NEJI'S HIT"

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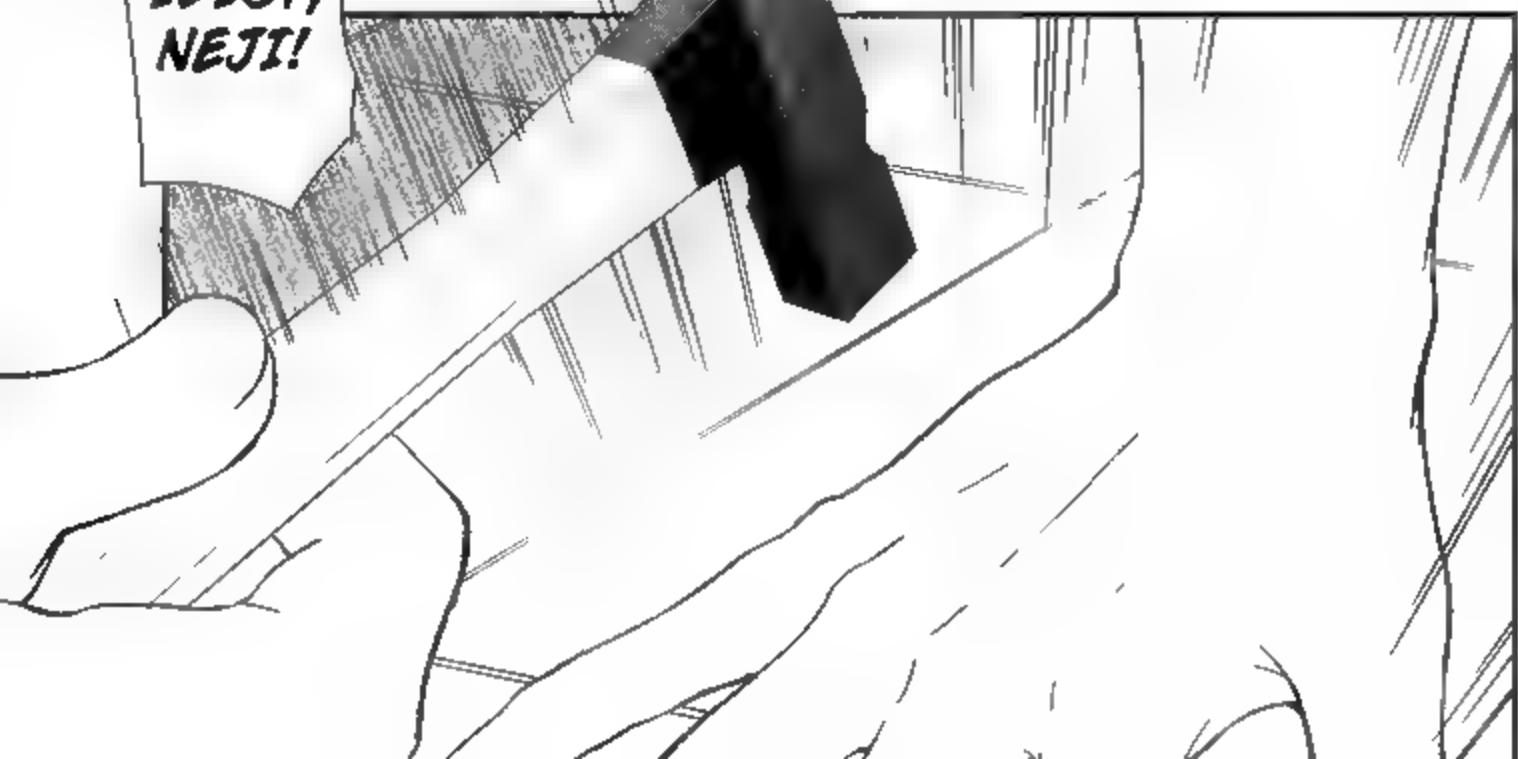
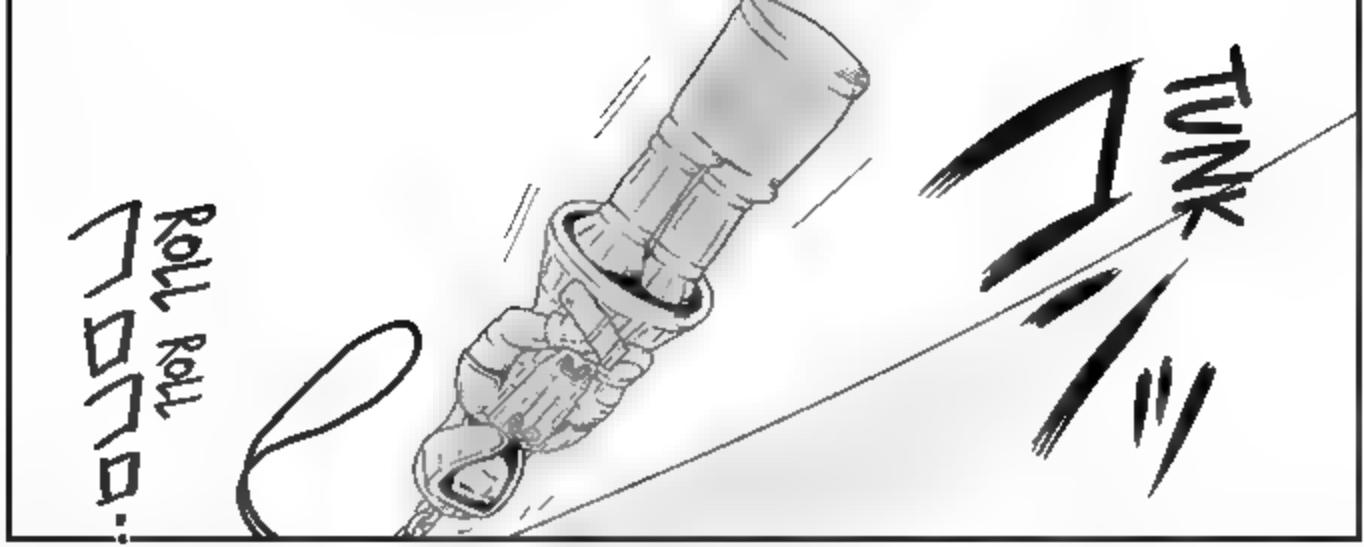


The boy
Nejima's
mind
wanders
off.

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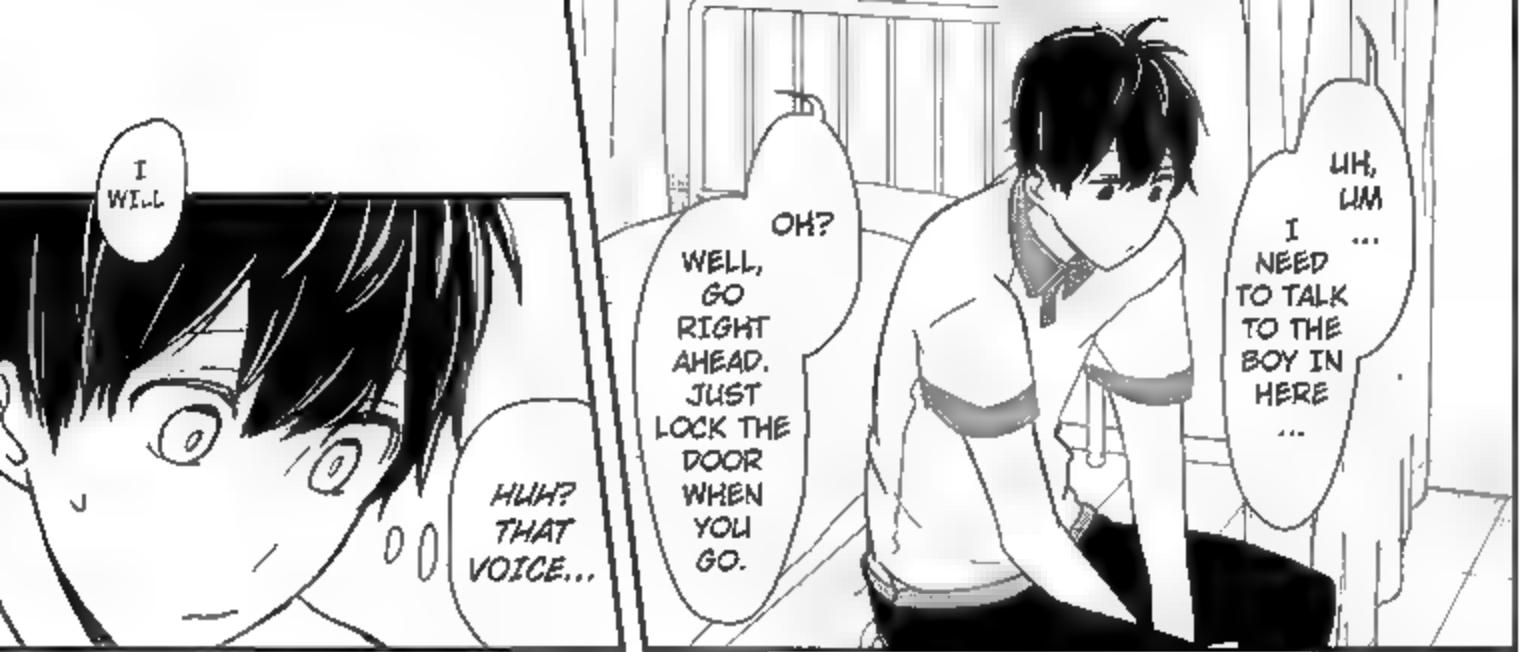














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Take a deep breath and gather your wits...
Be collected...
Act normal...
Show your best self...
Because that certain someone is standing
before you.















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Hey, Takasaki-san! Maybe
this is an obvious question, but...
what the heck is a "no-Neji rule?!"







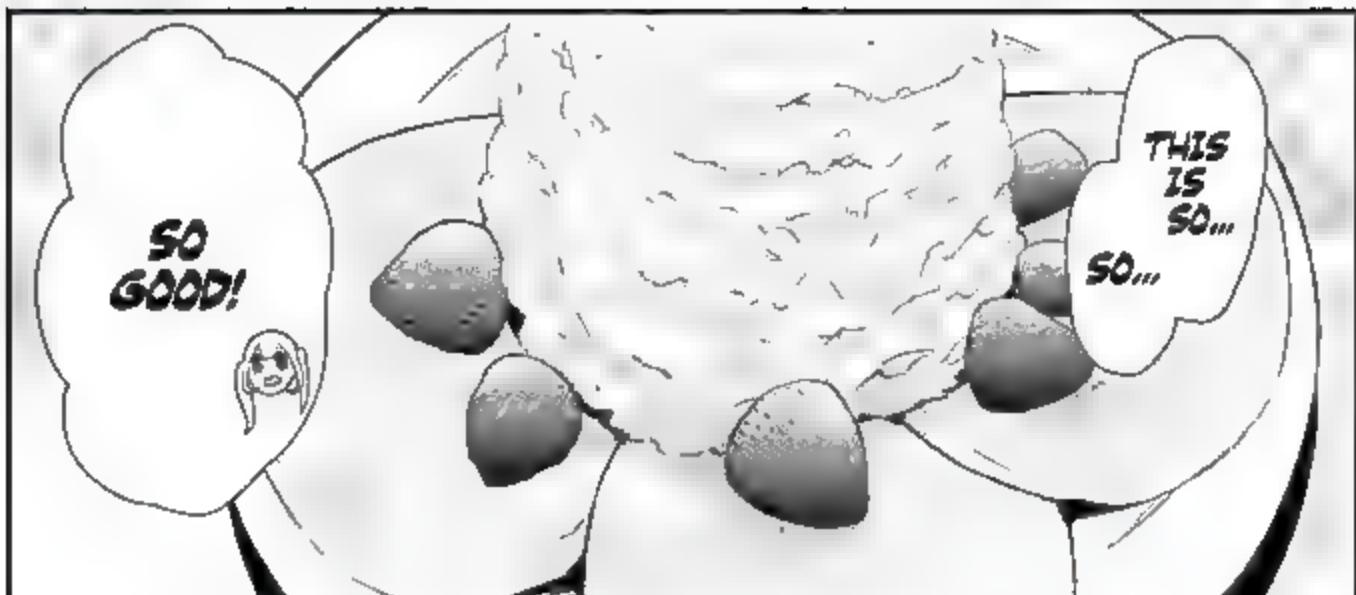






SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT WITH THE PEOPLE
SHE CARES ABOUT, AND SHE WANTS TO DO
SOMETHING FOR THEM... BECAUSE BOTH NEJI
AND LILINA ARE IMPORTANT TO HER.

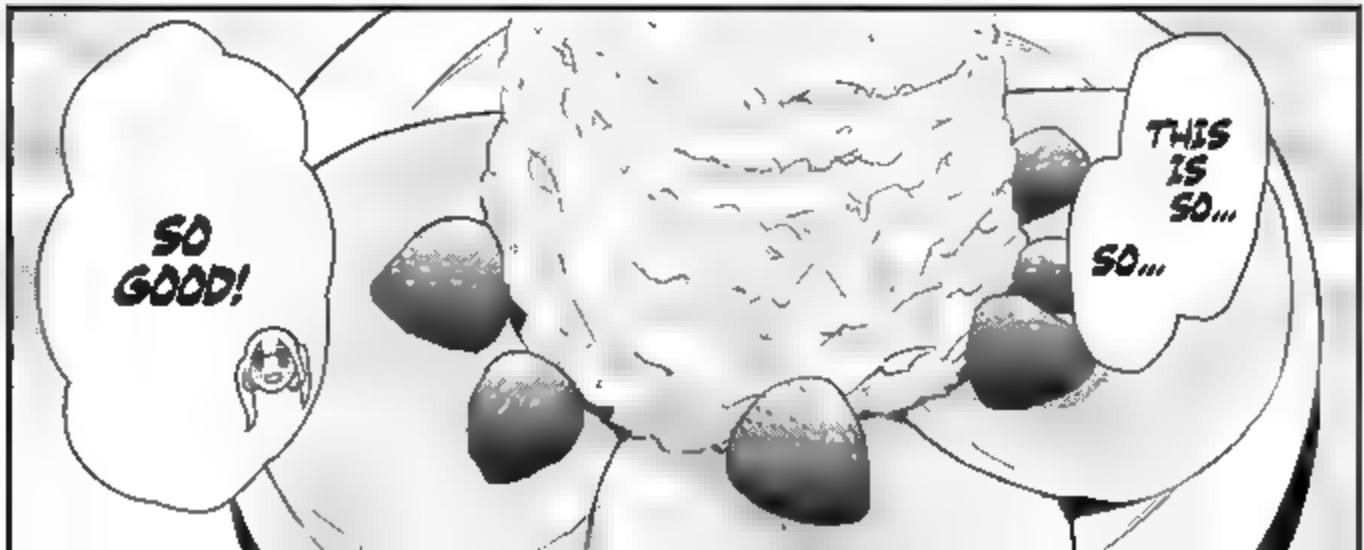


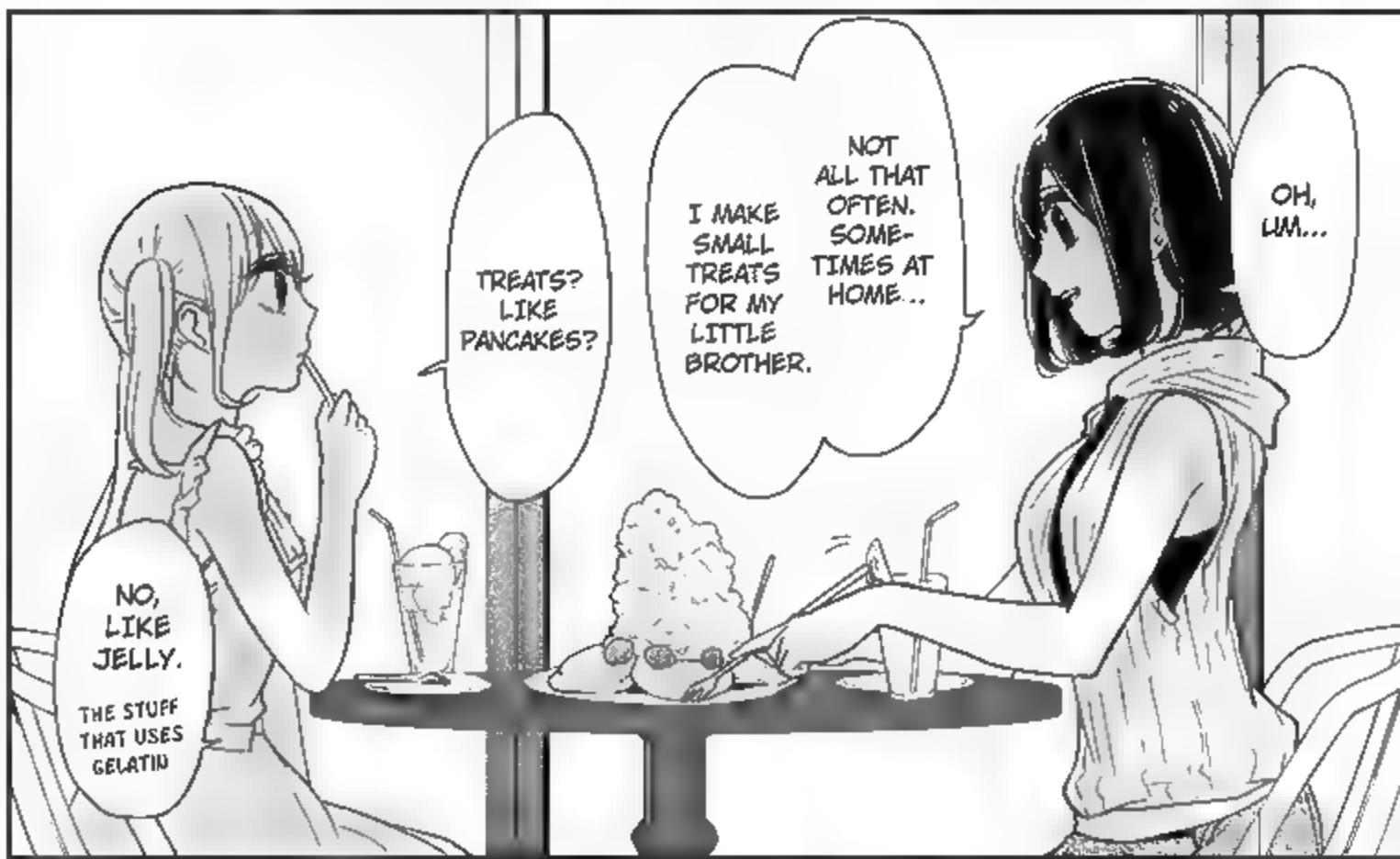


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There's Takasaki-san, Lilina,
and then pancakes in between them...

A simple thing like pancakes
just happens to bring the topic of
conversation around to Neji.



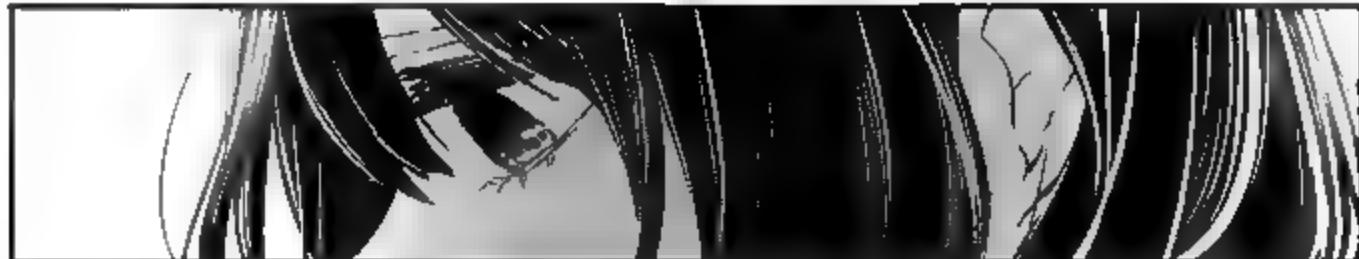




IT'S
REALLY
BORING
AND
POINT-
LESS
STORY,
THOUGH.







YOU
MEAN HE'S
SICK? OR
IS IT JUST
SUMMER
FATIGUE?

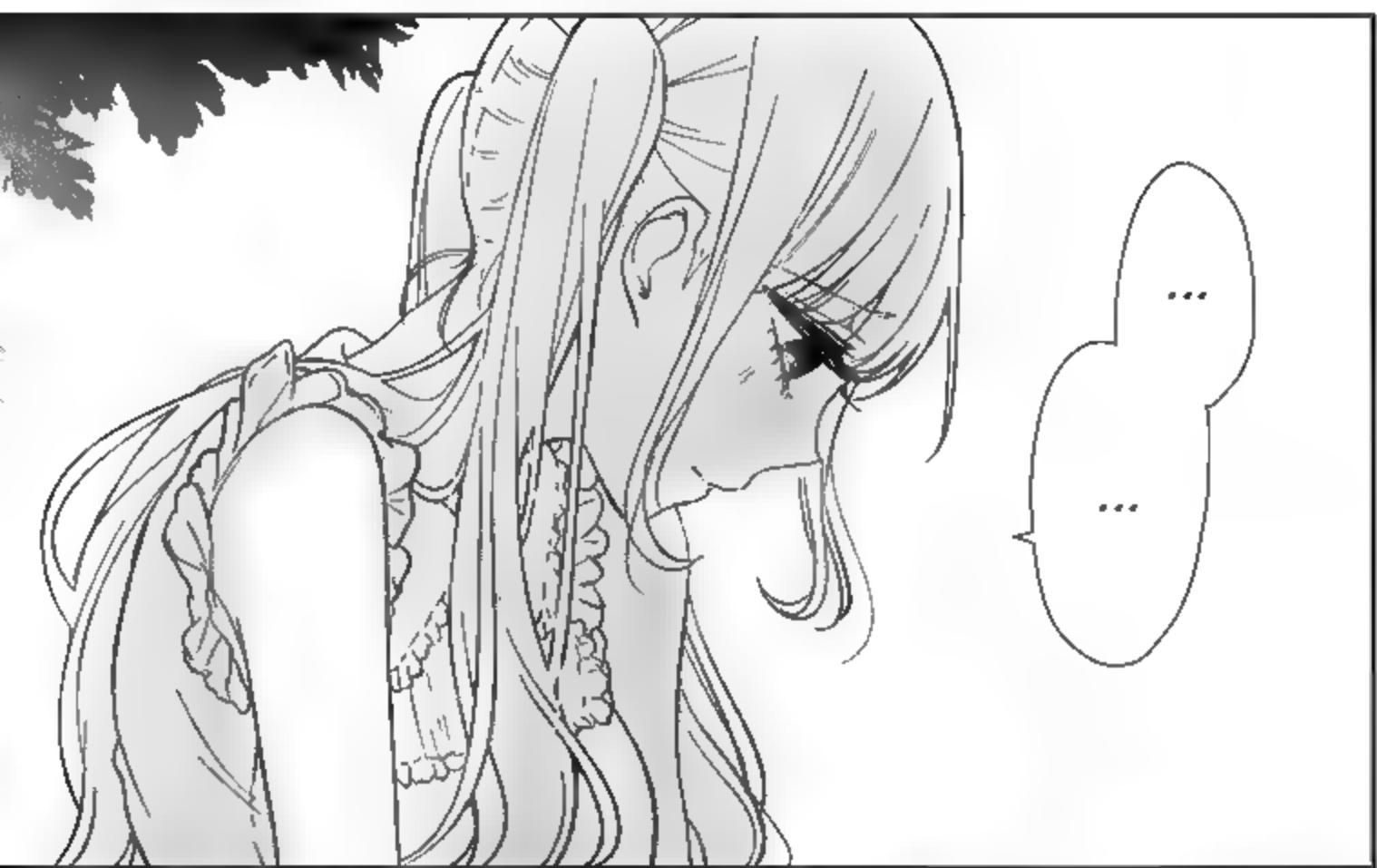
HE
HASN'T
BEEN
FEELING
WELL?

...
OH, NO,
HE'S NOT
SICK.

DO
YOU
KNOW
ANY-
THING,
LILI-
CHAN?

IT
JUST
SEEMS
LIKE
SOM-
THING
IS UP
AND I'M
WOR-
RIED.

A
LITTLE
WHILE
AGO...





THIS IS THE DAZZLING MELANCHOLY
OF A GIRL WHO YEARNs FOR LOVE.

NEXT TIME:
"NEJIMA AND YAJIMA"



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It's as if Neji's fate is somehow...
tied to this man!



WHY
PEOPLE
FALL IN
LOVE.

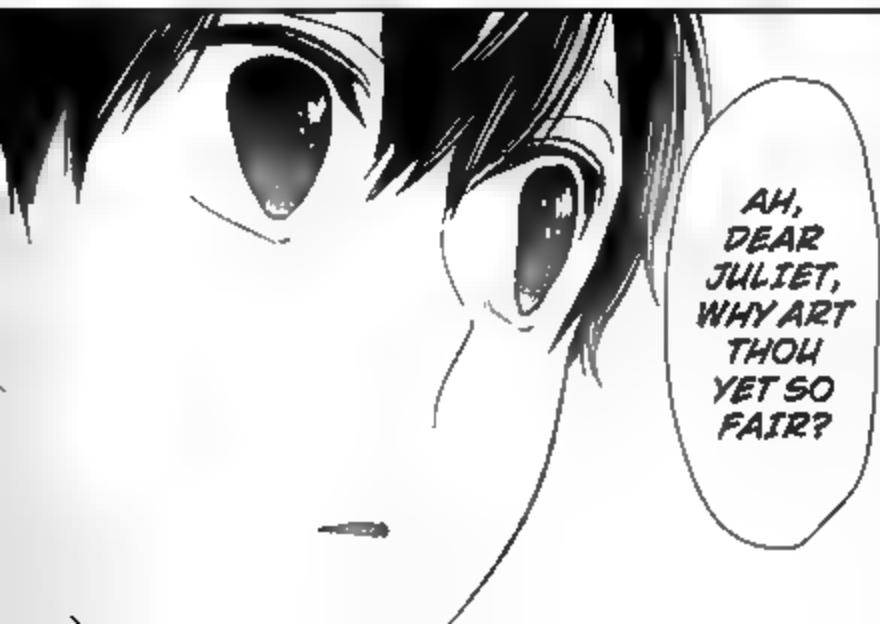
SOMETIMES,
I WONDER...



TO THESE
PAINFUL,
BURDEN-
SOME
FEELINGS?



WHY
DO WE
ABANDON
OUR-
SELVES
...



AH,
DEAR
JULIET,
WHY ART
THOU
YET SO
FAIR?

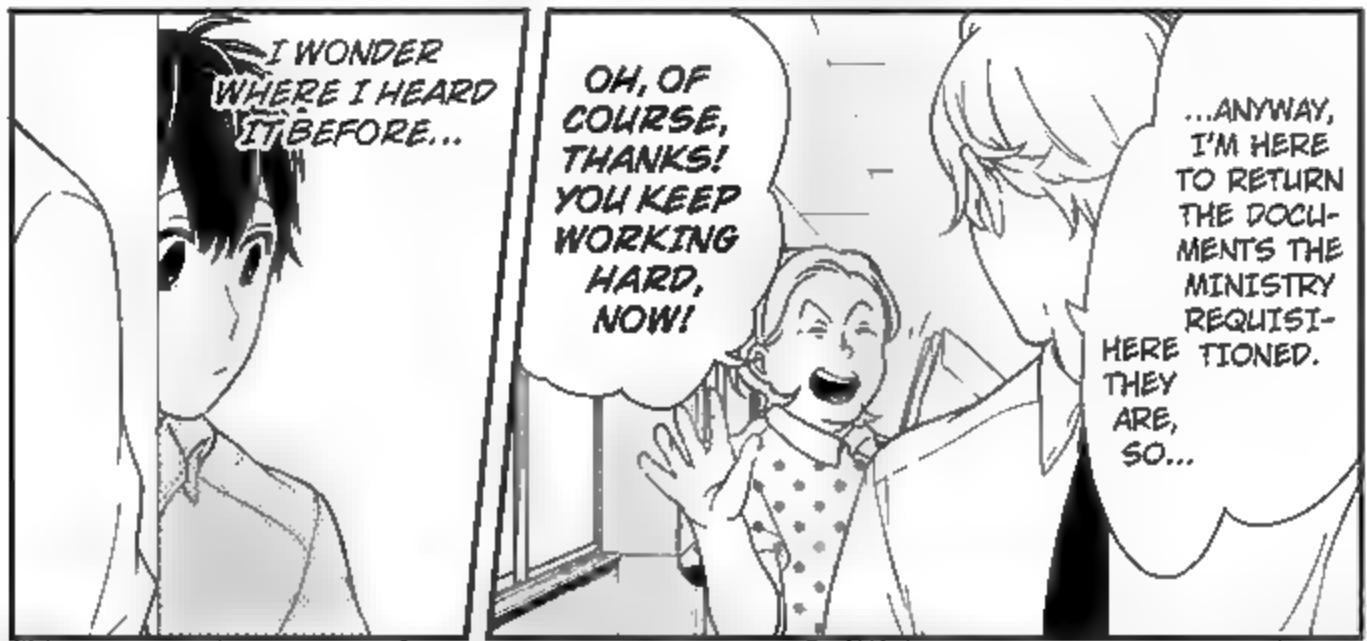


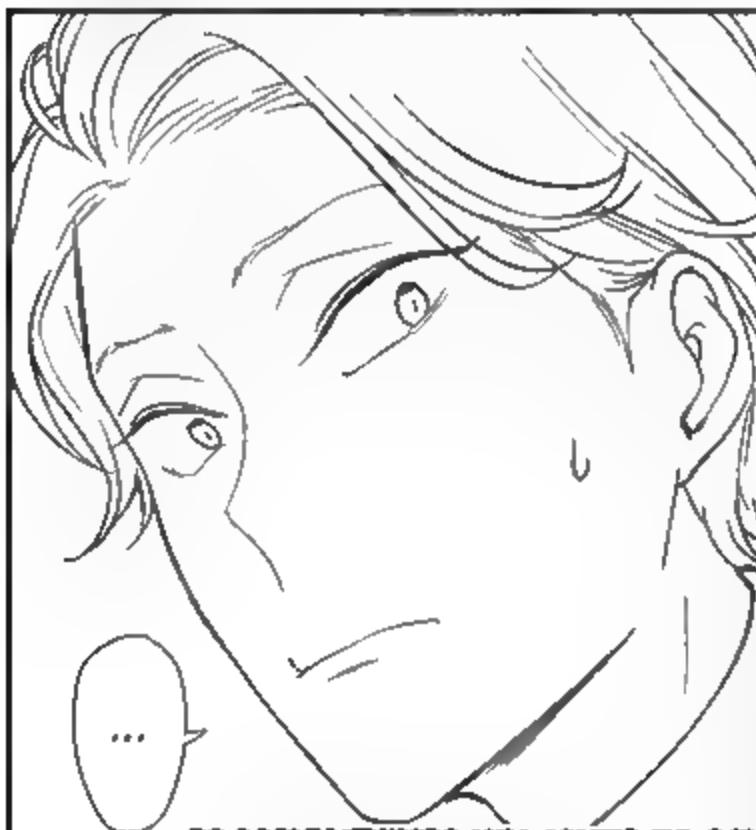
OKAY!
NOW
ROMEO,
SAY IT
HURTS!











SO MANY THINGS HE WANTS TO SAY...
SO MANY THINGS HE WANTS TO ASK.



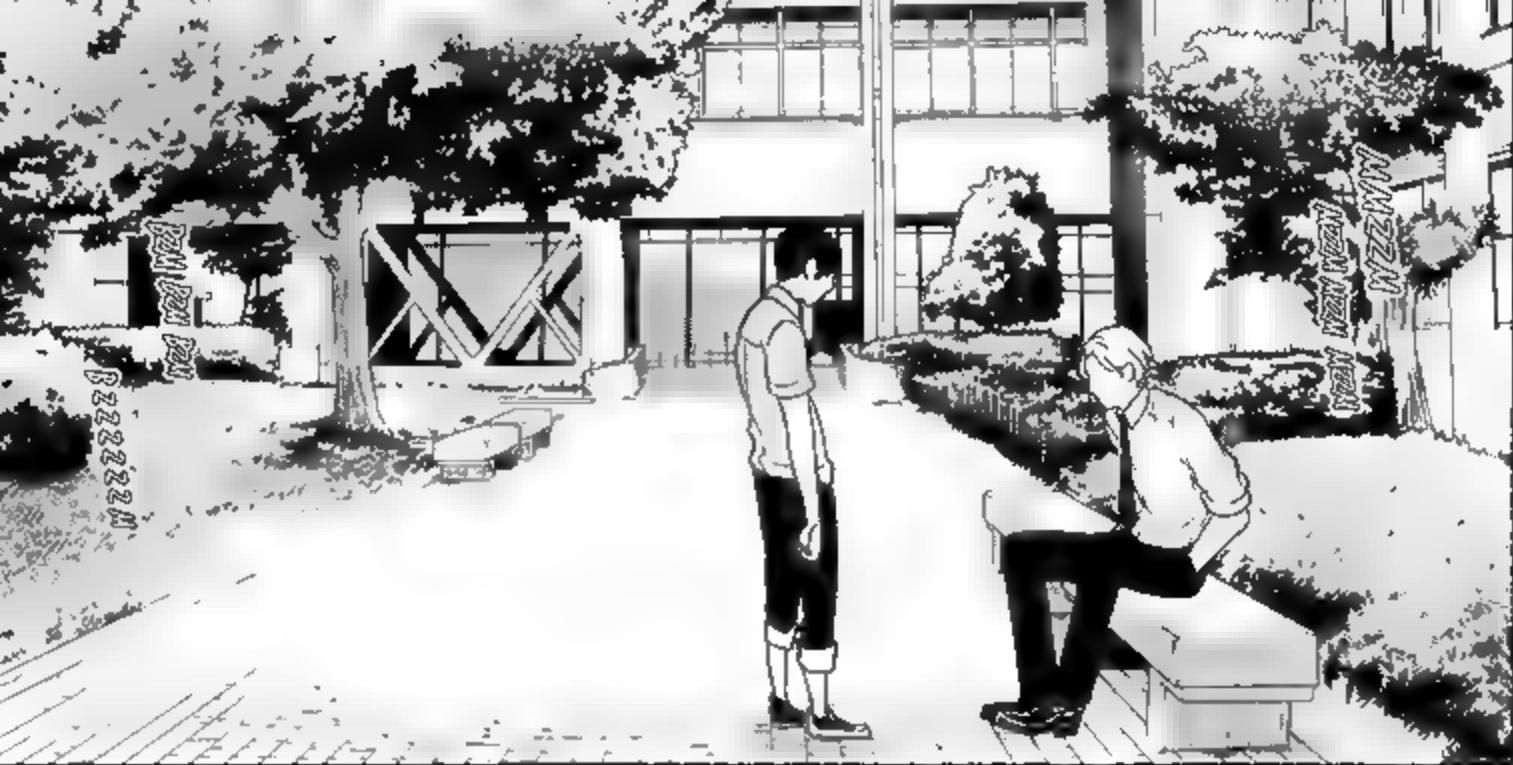
NEXT TIME: "WHY DO THAT?"



Love and Lies

Yajima is wary, figuring that Neji is going to demand to know why he was lied to during the special course.

So is Neji going to give him a piece of his mind?



THIS IS
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED THE
OTHER DAY,
ISN'T IT?

AGH...

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE SAID
ALL THAT,
AFTER ALL...

IF IT GETS OUT,
I MIGHT GET
DEMOTED.

WHY
DO YOU
GET TO
DO...?

TA
ME

THAT
DAY... I
REALLY
RAN MY
MOUTH
...

I'M
SORRY!

SOR--
YEAH,
I SAID
SOME
WEIRD
STUFF.

UM...
ABOUT
WHAT WE
TALKED
ABOUT
AT THE
SPECIAL
COURSE
...

I
GUESS I
WOULDN'T
MIND
IF I DID,
THOUGH
...





